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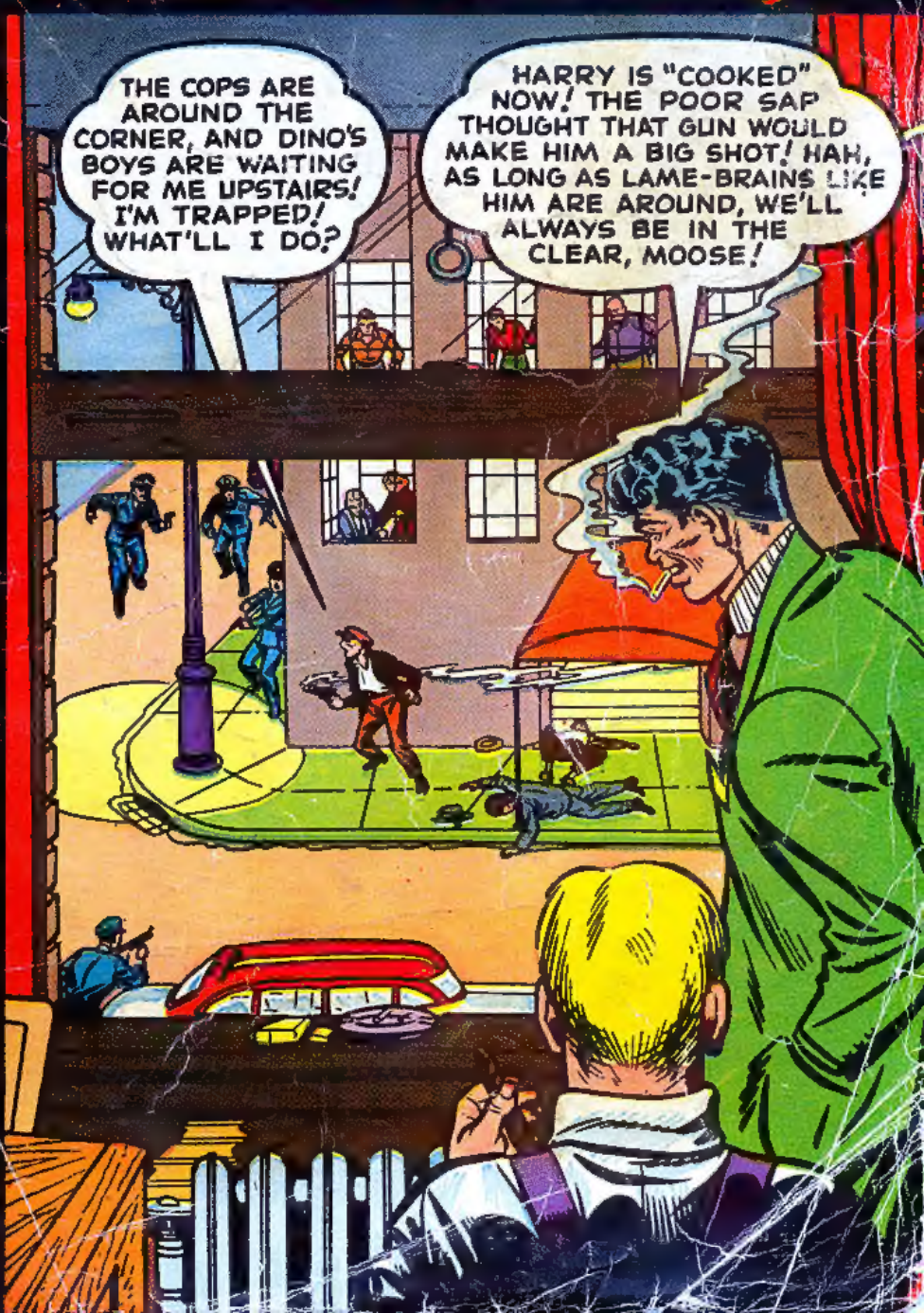
THE COPS ARE AROUND THE CORNER, AND DINO'S BOYS ARE WAITING FOR ME UPSTAIRS! I'M TRAPPED! WHAT'LL I DO?
HARRY IS "COOKED" NOW! THE POOR SAP THOUGHT THAT GUN WOULD MAKE HIM A BIG SHOT! HAH, AS LONG AS LAME-BRAINS LIKE HIM ARE AROUND, WE'LL ALWAYS BE IN THE CLEAR, MOOSE!

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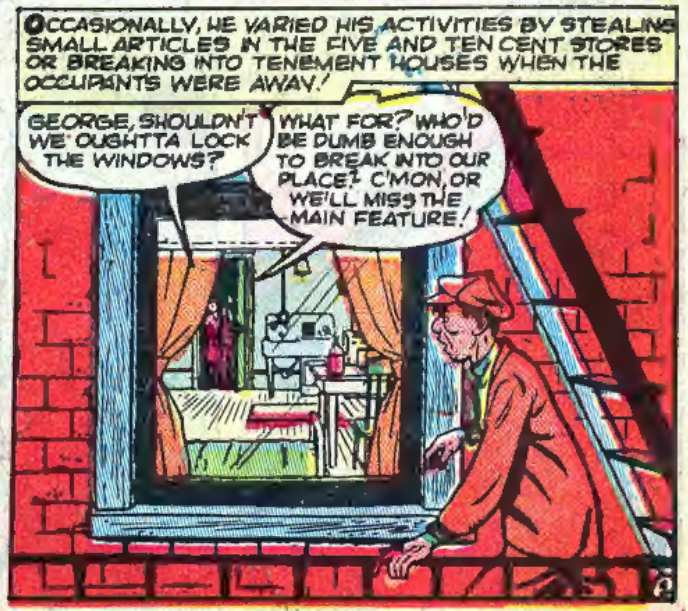
THEY'VE GOT ME SURROUNDED! IF MOOSE SEES THE COPS NAB ME HE'LL PLUG ME TO KEEP ME FROM SQUAWKIN'!
AW! THAT'S ONLY HARRY THE DIP..HE'S NOT THE BIG SHOT KILLER WE'RE AFTER!
THERE'S THAT TWO-BIT KILLER! HE STEERED THE COPS RIGHT TO US! I'M GONNA PAY HIM OFF RIGHT NOW!
THIS IS THE CASE HISTORY OF HARRY "THE DIP" SHELTON, AS PIECED TOGETHER FROM EVIDENCE GATHERED LATER BY THE METROPOLITAN POLICE! HARRY THE DIP WAS A SMALL TIME CRIMINAL, NOT TOO BRIGHT, A FAILING WHICH MOST CRIMINALS HAVE IN COMMON; HE WAS TYPICAL OF THE NUMEROUS PETTY THIEVES WHO LURK IN THE SHADOWS CAST BY THE BIG MOB / BUT HARRY HAD IMAGINATION, A DISTORTED KIND. BUT NEVERTHELESS, ENOUGH TO MAKE HIM WANT TO BE A "BIG SHOT" AND THAT IS WHAT MAKES HIS STORY WORTH RECORDING!
THE EDITOR TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK REPORTER MARK WALDER FOR MAKING HIS NOTES ON THIS CASE AVAILABLE TO "CRIME MUST LOSE"!

THE NAME OF HARRY THE DIP SHELTON APPEARS ON THE POLICE BLOTTERS FOR NUMEROUS PETTY CRIMES OVER A PERIOD OF MANY YEARS...BUT OUR INTEREST IN HIM BEGINS IN 1946! HE COULD BE FOUND IN CROWDS, PICKING POCKETS!
C'MON, STYMIE, C'MON!
SNOW GOOSE-KEEP GOIN'!
PICKENS AIN'T SO GOOD! I SHOULD'VE GOT HERE FOR THE EARLY RACES!


OCCASIONALLY, HE VARIED HIS ACTIVITIES BY STEALING SMALL ARTICLES IN THE FIVE AND TEN CENT STORES OR BREAKING INTO TENEMENT HOUSES WHEN THE OCCUPANTS WERE AWAY!
GEORGE, SHOULDN'T WE OUGHTTA LOCK THE WINDOWS?
WHAT FOR? WHO'D BE DUMB ENOUGH TO BREAK INTO OUR PLACE? C'MON, OR WE'LL MISS THE MAIN FEATURE!

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BUT UNLIKE MOST OF HIS PETTY KIND, HARRY WASN'T SATISFIED WITH HIS LOT! HE WANTED TO BE A "BIG SHOT" CRIMINAL, AND WHEN HE WASN'T WORKING AT HIS THIEVING TRADE, HE WAS WONT TO FREQUENT CONEY ISLAND IKES, A SALOON WHERE THE HEAD MOBSTERS OCCASIONALLY GATHERED!
IT AIN'T RIGHT, IKE! WHY SHOULD SOME GUYS BE BIG SHOTS AN' OTHER GUYS, LIKE ME, JUST LITTLE GUYS? WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ME AN' BIG GUYS LIKE MOOSE KELLY, AN' DINO SPINETTI?
THEY GOT BRAINS, HARRY... AN' CLASS! THAT'S WHY THEY'RE BIG SHOTS!
BUT LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING, PAL ...THESE MOBSTERS OF TODAY ARE NOT LIKE THE OLD TIMERS! I HAVE SEEN WITH MY OWN TWO EYES, AL CAPONE, BABY FACE NELSON, DUTCH SCHULTZ... THESE WERE REAL BIG SHOTS, KILLERS WHO SHOT FIRST AND ASKED QUESTIONS LATER! THIS INFORMATION I GIVE YOU FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH!
YEAH, I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN! THOSE GUYS WERE GUN-MEN, NOT WOULD-BE GENTLEMEN LIKE THE MOBSTERS TODAY!
I DO THINK OF THINGS LIKE THIS, HARRY! YOU ARE A SMALL TIMER AND YOU'LL NEVER BE ANYTHING BUT THAT!
YOU'RE WRONG, IKE! SOMEDAY I'M GONNA BE A BIG SHOT TOO! ALL I NEED IS A BREAK! IF I COULD ONLY GET IN WITH ONE OF THE MOBSTERS!
SAY AIN'T THAT DINO SPINETTI COMIN' IN?
THAT IS CORRECT, FRIEND! THAT IS SPINETTI WITH HIS RIGHT HAND MAN, SCAR PONZI! SPINETTI AND MOOSE KELLY ARE THE TOP MOBSTERS IN THE EAST!
MISTER SPINETTI...
WHO'S THIS PUNK?
HARRY THE DIP! SMALL TIMER... HE'S NUTTIN'!
I WAS WONDERIN' IF YOU COULD USE ANOTHER MAN! I... I'M ONLY A SMALL TIMER 'CAUSE I NEVER HAD A CHANCE! I WAS THINKIN'...
HE WUZ WONDERIN', DIS PUNK. HE WUZ TINKIN', BOSS!
DON'T EVER SPEAK TO ME! DON'T COME NEAR ME! I DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO THINK I KNOW CHEAP LICE LIKE YOU! YA HEAR ME, CHISLER?
TELL HIM WHAT I MEAN SO'S HE UNDERSTANDS, SCAR!
DA BOSS IS BIG... SEE... HE DON'T GOT TIME FOR PUNK'S! DON'T EVER BODDER HIM AGAIN, SEE!
OWWW! I, I... WON'T!
SOMEDAY I'LL SHOW HIM! WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS SLAPPIN' ME AROUND? LIKE YOU SAID IKE, A GUY LIKE HIM AIN'T BIG LIKE THE OLD TIMERS USED TO BE!
HAVE A DRINK, HARRY, AND FORGET IT! I DO NOT LIKE THE WAY DINO ACTS IN MY PLACE, FOR I AM A GUY WHAT DOES NOT LIKE VIOLENCE! BUT I DO NOT DO NOTHING ABOUT IT BECAUSE I AM NEUTRAL... BOTH MOOSE KELLY AND DINO USE MY PLACE FOR MEETINGS! DRINK UP, HARRY!
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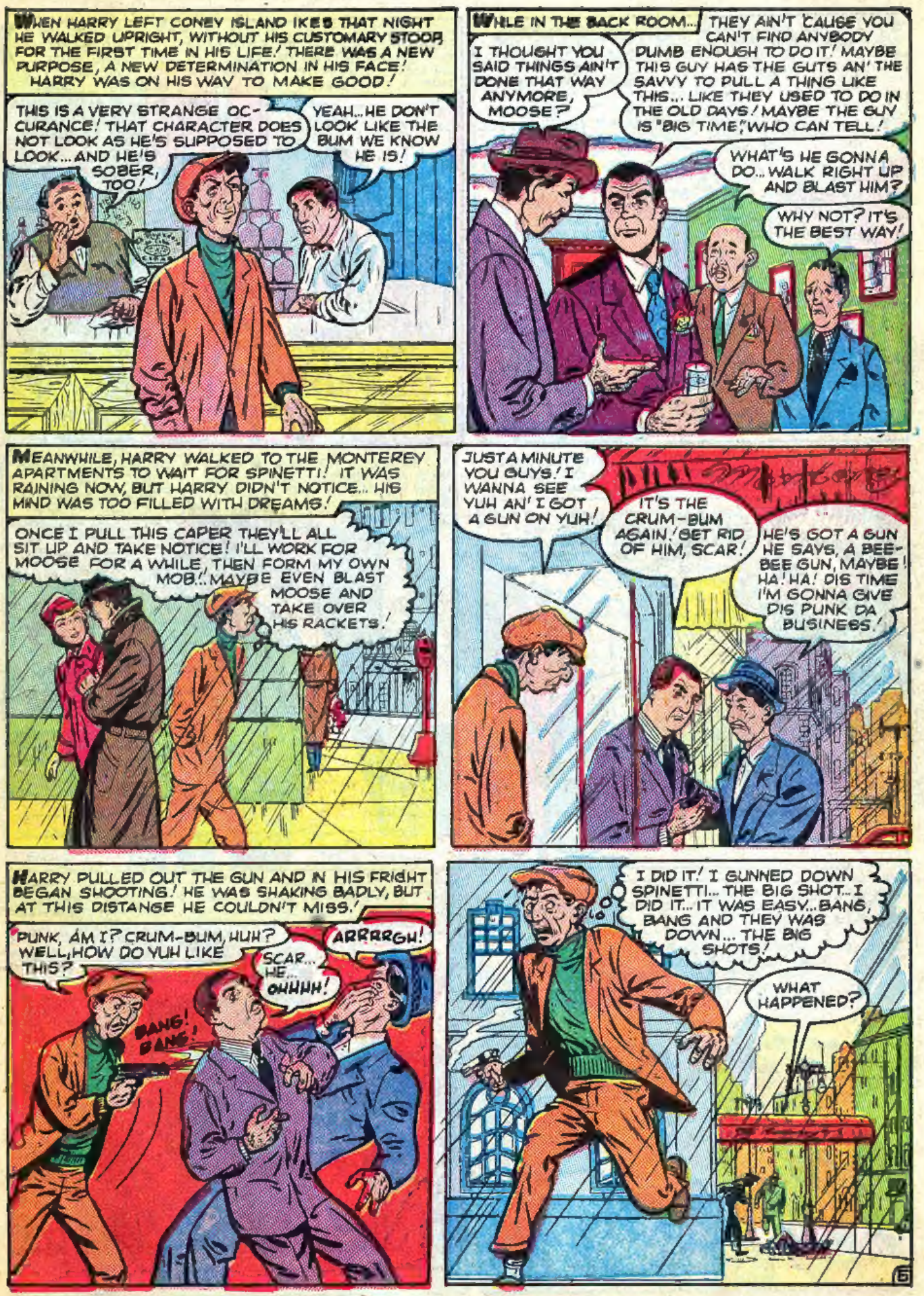
HARRY DRANK STEADILY, AND WITH EACH DRINK HIS SELF PITY GREW MORE INTENSE!
WHY DOES PEOPLE TREAT ME LIKE THISH? I'M AS GOOD'S ANYBODY... SOMEDAY I'LL GET A GUN.. BE BIG SHOT LIKE THE OLD TIMERS! POOR LIL' OL' HARRY.. EVER BODY'S PICKIN' ON 'IM..(HIC!)
HE IS GETTING INTO A CRYING JAG, BULL, ASSIST ME BY CARRYING THIS LUSH INTO THE BACK ROOM WHERE HE CAN SLEEP IT OFF!
SURE TING, IKE!
GOTTA SET A GUN... KILL SOMEBODY ...SHOW 'EM ALL... BE BIG SHOT!
BOY, DID THIS GUY TIE ONE ON! SHOULD I LAY 'IM OUT IF HE STARTS ANYTHING?
HE'S THE LEAST OF MY WORRIES! MOOSE REILY WILL BE HERE SOON WITH HIS BOYS FOR A CONFERENCE AND IF SPINETTI DOES NOT LEAVE BEFORE HE COMES THERE MAY BE TROUBLE!
GOOD NIGHT, GENTLEMEN!
SEE YOU, IKE!
WELL, THAT'S ONE WORRY OFF YOUR SHOULDERS!
WITHIN THE NEXT HALF HOUR SEVERAL UNDERWORLD HOODS DRIFTED INTO CONY ISLAND IKES AND SLIPPED QUIETLY INTO THE ROOM NEXT TO THE ONE IN WHICH HARRY THE DIP WAS SLEEPING OFF HIS JAG! THEN JOHN "MOOSE" KELLY ARRIVED! (EDITOR'S NOTE... THIS IS THE SAME MOOSE KELLY WHO WAS CONVICTED LAST YEAR BY THE GOVERNMENT CRIME COMMITTEE DURING THE RACKETS PROBE!)
ALL IN THERE, MOOSE!
O.K., IKE!
HI, MOOSE!
HI, BOSS!
WHAT'S UP, MOOSE?
HI, BOYS.. SPINETTI! THE GUY'S GOT IN MY HAIR ONCE TOO OFTEN! WE'VE GOT TO FIGURE OUT A WAY OF RUNNIN' HIM OUT OF BUSINESS!
HE'S BEEN MUSCLIN' INTA SOME OF OUR RACKETS, QUIET-LIKE! LAST WEEK HE TOOK OVER THE GAMBLIN' ON THE EAST SIDE!
WHY DON'T WE JUST JUMP HIM AND THAT LOUSE, SCAR!
WHO DO MEAN, "WE"? WILL YOU DO IT?
WELL, NO... I AIN'T NO GUNSEL! CAN'T WE HIRE SOME ROD MAN?
THAT KIND OF STUFF DIED WITH PROHIBITION REPEAL! NO GUY IN THE RACKET IS DUMB ENOUGH TO BLAST ANYBODY THESE DAYS! YOU GOTTA BE LEGIT!
AL'S RIGHT! THIS IS 1946... RACKETS'RE BIG BUSINESS! YOU DON'T GO AROUND GUNNIN' YOUR RIVALS TODAY ...A GUY WOULD BE A SUCKER TO TRY!
JUST THE SAME, I'D LIKE TO SEE SOMEBODY KNOCK OFF DINO!
YOU SAID IT, MOOSE!

IN THE NEXT ROOM HARRY THE DIP OPENED BLEARY EYES AS THE LAST PART OF THIS CONVERSATION CAME THROUGH THE FLIMSY WALLS!
I'D LIKE TO SEE SOMBODY KNOCK OFF DINO!
YOU SAID IT, MOOSE!
MOOSE KELLY...THE BIG SHOT! AND HE WANTS SOMEBODY TO GUN DINO!
AS THE VOICES MURMURED IN THE NEXT ROOM, HARRY GOT HIS BIG IDEA..THE IDEA THAT WOULD START HIM TOWARDS THE TOP OF THE HEAP... HE THOUGHT!
THAT'S IT...THAT'S WHAT I'LL DO! IT WILL GIVE ME THE START I NEED...WITH MOOSE AND HIS MOB! I'LL OFFER TO BLAST DINO FOR HIM! I'LL BE JUST LIKE THE OLD TIME BIG SHOTS!
A FEW MINUTES LATER...
I HEARD WHAT YOU SAID, MOOSE, I WAS IN THE NEXT ROOM!
WHO'S THIS CRUMMY BUM?
HARRY THE DIP... A CHEAP PICK-POCKET! LISTENIN' IN, THE SNEAK-IN' LUSH!
I OUGHTTA..!
TAKE YOUR HANDS OFFA ME! I CAME IN HERE TO DO YOU GUYS A FAVOR! I'LL KNOCK OFF DINO SPINETTI FOR YOU!
WHAT DID YOU SAY? TAKE IT EASY, AL, LET'S HEAR THIS GUY OUT!
I SAID I'D BLAST DINO... FOR A PRICE! A THOUSAND BUCKS!
YEAH! THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT YOU SAID! SIT DOWN, HARRY, AN' HAVE A DRINK! I THINK YOU AND ME CAN DO SOME BUSINESS!
THE GUY'S NUTS! HE AIN'T NO GUNSEL!
IT AIN'T YOUR FUNERAL ..SHUT UP! THIS IS AN EASY WAY OUT FOR MOOSE!
I AIN'T REALLY A SMALL TIMER...I JUST AIN'T GOT A BREAK! I'LL SHOW YOU HOW GOOD I AM, JUST GIMMIE A GUN AND DINO'S ADDRESS! I'LL DO THE REST! THEN YOU PAY ME AND I'M IN YOUR MOB, FAIR ENOUGH?
FAIR ENOUGH! AL, GIVE HIM YOUR GUN!
HERE Y'ARE, HARRY! DINO LIVES IN THE MONTEREY APARTMENTS ON 52 ND ST.!
O.K.! I'LL SEE YOU GUYS LATER!
DON'T LOUSE IT UP, HARRY! GET THAT CHISELIN' SPINETTI FOR ME, PAL!
YOU'RE O.K., HARRY... YUH GOT WHAT IT TAKES!


WHEN HARRY LEFT CONEY ISLAND IKES THAT NIGHT HE WALKED UPRIGHT, WITHOUT HIS CUSTOMARY STOOP, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS LIFE! THERE WAS A NEW PURPOSE, A NEW DETERMINATION IN HIS FACE! HARRY WAS ON HIS WAY TO MAKE GOOD!
THIS IS A VERY STRANGE OCCURANCE! THAT CHARACTER DOES NOT LOOK AS HE'S SUPPOSED TO LOOK... AND HE'S SOBER, TOO!
YEAH... HE DON'T LOOK LIKE THE BUM WE KNOW HE IS!
WHILE IN THE BACK ROOM...
I THOUGHT YOU SAID THINGS AIN'T DONE THAT WAY ANYMORE, MOOSE?
THEY AIN'T 'CAUSE YOU CAN'T FIND ANYBODY DUMB ENOUGH TO DO IT! MAYBE THIS GUY HAS THE GUTS AN' THE SAVVY TO PULL A THING LIKE THIS... LIKE THEY USED TO DO IN THE OLD DAYS! MAYBE THE GUY IS "BIG TIME", WHO CAN TELL!
WHAT'S HE GONNA DO... WALK RIGHT UP AND BLAST HIM?
WHY NOT? IT'S THE BEST WAY!
MEANWHILE, HARRY WALKED TO THE MONTEREY APARTMENTS TO WAIT FOR SPINETTI! IT WAS RAINING NOW, BUT HARRY DIDN'T NOTICE... HIS MIND WAS TOO FILLED WITH DREAMS!
ONCE I PULL THIS CAPER THEY'LL ALL SIT UP AND TAKE NOTICE! I'LL WORK FOR MOOSE FOR A WHILE, THEN FORM MY OWN MOB!.. MAYBE EVEN BLAST MOOSE AND TAKE OVER HIS RACKETS!
JUST A MINUTE YOU GUYS! I WANNA SEE YUH AN' I GOT A GUN ON YUH!
IT'S THE CRUM-BUM AGAIN! GET RID OF HIM, SCAR!
HE'S GOT A GUN HE SAYS, A BEE-BEE GUN, MAYBE! HA! HA! DIS TIME I'M GONNA GIVE DIS PUNK DA BUSINESS!
HARRY PULLED OUT THE GUN AND IN HIS FRIGHT BEGAN SHOOTING! HE WAS SHAKING BADLY, BUT AT THIS DISTANGE HE COULDN'T MISS!
PUNK, AM I? CRUM-BUM, HUH? WELL, HOW DO YUH LIKE THIS?
BANG! BANG!
SCAR... HE... OHHHH!
ARRRRGH!
I DID IT! I GUNNED DOWN SPINETTI... THE BIG SHOT... I DID IT... IT WAS EASY... BANG, BANG AND THEY WAS DOWN... THE BIG SHOTS!
WHAT HAPPENED?
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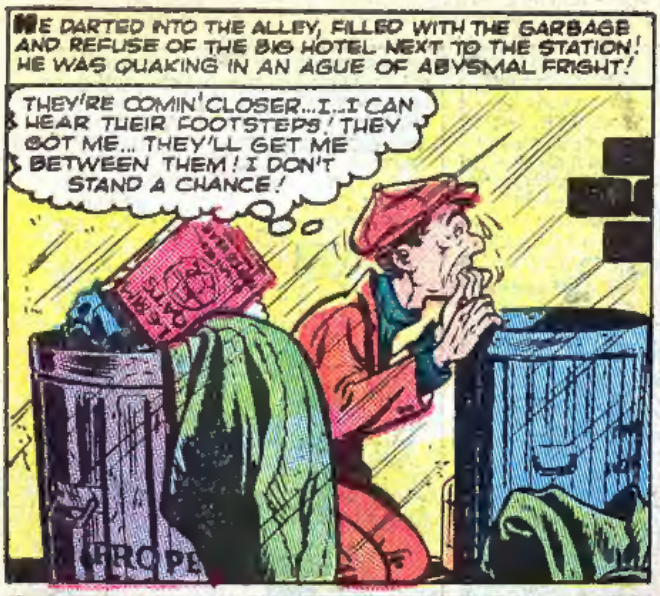
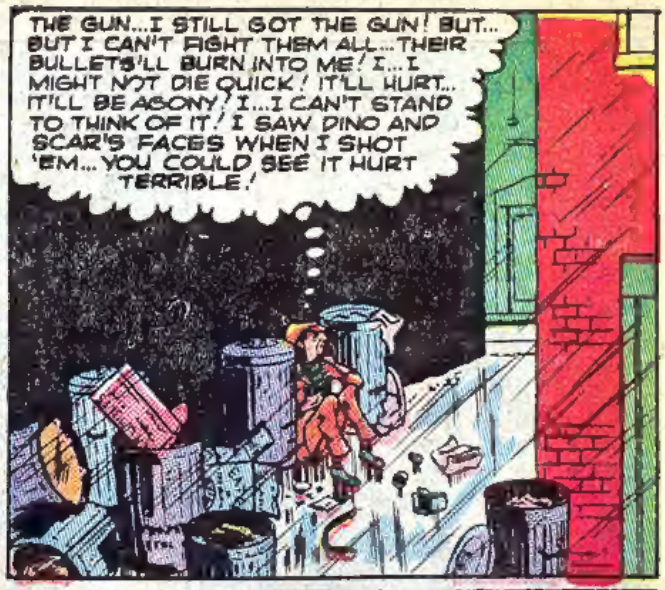
THE RAIN AND DARK COVERED HIS FURTIVE FIGURE AND HE HURRIED BACK TO IKES AND THROUGH THE SALOON TO THE BACK ROOM WHERE MOOSE WAS WAITING!
O.K., IT'S DONE! PAY ME OFF, AND TELL ME WHERE I FIT IN YOUR MOB!
HERE'S YOUR YARD, NOW BEAT IT! IF SOMEBODY SAW YOUR PUSS I DON'T WANT THIS CAPER CONNECTED TO ME! SOON'S THE HEAT'S OFF WE'LL GET TOGETHER!
YEAH, YOU'RE POISON IF YOU WAS SEEN! YOU'LL HAVE THE COPS AN' DINO'S MOB BOTH ON YOUR TAIL! WE BETTER BLOW TOO, MOOSE!
WE'LL GO OUT THE FRONT AN' YOU GO OUT THE BACK! GET GOIN" AN' LAY LOW UNTIL THIS BLOWS OVER!
BUT... BUT I THOUGHT...
THIS AIN'T NO TIME TO THINK! G'WAN, GET GOIN!
HARRY SLIPPED OUT THE BACK WAY INTO THE RAIN! HE WAS ALONE AGAIN AND A FEELING OF FEAR BEGAN TO CREEP THROUGH HIS VEINS!
THEY SAID DINO'S MOB... AND THE COPS... IF ANYBODY SAW ME! I DON'T REMEMBER IF ANYBODY DID! THOSE COPS! THEY'RE COMING THIS WAY! MAYBE SOMEBODY DID SEE ME!
I'LL GO BACK TO IKE'S HE'S MY FRIEND... HE'LL HIDE ME OUT IN THE BACK ROOM UNTIL IT'S SAFE!
WHO WAS THAT?
AW, ITS ONLY HARRY THE DIP! HE'S PROBABLY SCARED! WE'LL PICK HIM UP FOR VAGRANCY OR SOMETHING!
IKE, YUH GOTTA GIMMIE A BREAK... HIDE ME OUT! PLEASE, IKE!
I DO NOT KNOW WHAT YOU DONE, HARRY, BUT THE WORD HAS BEEN PASSED THAT YOU ARE HOT, AND I CANNOT TAKE ANY CHANCES! I MUST ASK YOU TO LEAVE MY ESTABLISHMENT AND DO NOT COME BACK UNTIL THE HEAT IS OFF! FOR THIS INHOSPITALITY, BELIEVE ME, I AM VERY SORRY! NOW, BLOW!
THEY WERE DEAD BEFORE THEY HIT THE GROUND!
DINO SPINETTI'S BOYS! SOMEBODY SAW ME.. THEY MUST'VE, AND THE MOB'S AFTER ME! I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE... OUT OF TOWN! THAT'S IT, I'LL GO TO GRAND CENTRAL... TAKE A TRAIN! I GOT THE DOUGH MOOSE GIVE ME!

THROUGH THE SIDE STREETS AND BACK ALLEYS, HARRY MADE HIS WAY TO THE DEPOT, ENTERING FROM THE LEXINGTON AVENUE SIDE!
IF I CAN ONLY GET TO THE WINDOWS AND GET A TICKET WITHOUT BEING SPOTTED! OH...SOME MORE OF DINO'S MOB! THAT BIG GUY... HE'S SCAR'S BROTHER... HE'S LOOKING STRAIGHT AT ME...I DON'T KNOW WHICH WAY TO TURN!
I'LL SNEAK IN HERE AND GO OUT THE OTHER ENTRANCE!
WHO'S THAT CHARACTER WHO JUST SNEAKED INTO THE JOHN? I'VE SEEN THAT PUSS SOMEPLACE BEFORE!
DAT'S HARRY DA DIP! A SLEAZY JERK!
NEVER MIND DAT CHEAP BUM! KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR DA COPS! WE GOTTA GET OUTTA TOWN BEFORE DEY PULL US IN FOR QUESTIONING!
I WONDER WHO KNOCKED OFF DINO AND SCAR? IT COULD BE MOOSE?
NAW, HE AIN'T THAT DUMB! ANYWAY, WITH DINO GONE THIS TOWN IS TOO HOT FOR US! WE GOTTA BLOW!
COPS! THEY GOT ME SURROUNDED! WHAT'LL I DO?
SPREAD OUT MEN, WE DON'T WANT ANY OF SPINETTI'S MOB TO GET AWAY! THE D.A. WANTS THEM FOR QUESTIONING ON THIS MURDER!
THERE'S MORE OF THEM OUTSIDE COMIN' TOWARD THE STATION! CAPTAIN JENKIN'S AND HIS DETAIL IS COVERING THEM!
THEY DIDN'T SEE ME! NOW'S MY CHANCE!
MEN, ISN'T THAT ONE OF SPINETTI'S MOB, BACK THERE?
NAW, THAT'S ONLY A CHEAP PICKPOCKET! WE'RE AFTER BIGGER STUFF TONIGHT... WE'VE GOT TO FIND THE GUY WHO MURDERED SPINETTI AND SCAR PONZI!
HARRY SCUTTLED OUT INTO THE DARK AGAIN! HE FELT LIKE A TRAPPED RAT! EVERY FIGURE THAT LOOMED UP IN THE RAIN WAS TO HIS TORMENTED MIND, A MORTAL ENEMY OUT TO GET HIM! HE DIDN'T KNOW WHICH WAY TO TURN!
WHERE'LL I GO NOW? THEY'LL TRACK ME DOWN, NO MATTER WHERE I HIDE! EVEN THE LOUSY MONEY AIN'T NO GOOD TO ME...I CAN'T EVEN BUY A TICKET TO GET OUT OF TOWN! WHY DID I DO IT? WHY DID I KILL THEM?
WATCH IT, COPS COMIN'!
MORE OF SPINETTI'S HOODS... AN' COPS COMIN' FROM THE OTHER WAY! THEY GOT ME TRAPPED!
THERE'S SOME MORE OF THE MOB! TAKE IT EASY, BOYS!


HE DARTED INTO THE ALLEY, FILLED WITH THE GARBAGE AND REFUSE OF THE BIG HOTEL NEXT TO THE STATION! HE WAS QUAKING IN AN AGUE OF ABYSMAL FRIGHT!
THEY'RE COMIN' CLOSER...I...I CAN HEAR THEIR FOOTSTEPS! THEY GOT ME... THEY'LL GET ME BETWEEN THEM! I DON'T STAND A CHANCE!


THE GUN...I STILL GOT THE GUN! BUT... BUT I CAN'T FIGHT THEM ALL...THEIR BULLETS'LL BURN INTO ME! I...I MIGHT NOT DIE QUICK! IT'LL HURT... IT'LL BE AGONY! I...I CAN'T STAND TO THINK OF IT! I SAW DINO AND SCAR'S FACES WHEN I SHOT 'EM... YOU COULD SEE IT HURT TERRIBLE!

I CAN'T HEAR THEM ANYMORE! THEY MUST BE CREEPIN' UP ON ME IN THE DARK! PRETTY SOON THEY'LL GET CLOSE ENOUGH, AND THEY'LL JUMP UP AN'...NO! NO! THEY CAN'T DO IT...I WON'T LET 'EM I... I'LL SHOW 'EM... I'LL OUT SMART 'EM!

LET THEM GET INSIDE THE STATION FIRST, MEN, THEN WE'LL CLOSE IN ON THEM RIGHT IN THERE AND WE'LL BE ABLE TO ROUND THEM UP EASIER!
HEY... DID YOU HEAR THAT? A SHOT!
IT CAME FROM THAT ALLEY!

WELL, WHAT IS IT?
IT'S A GUY HERE, DEAD! WHAT A MESS!
IT'S THAT SMALL TIME CROOK, HARRY THE DIP! HE PUT THE BARREL OF A GUN IN HIS MOUTH AND PULLED THE TRIGGER! THAT'S A QUEER ONE! WHAT COULD HAPPEN TO A CHEAP GUY LIKE HIM TO MAKE HIM COMMIT SUICIDE?

SO ENDED THE CRIMINAL CAREER OF THE WOULD-BE BIG SHOT, HARRY THE DIP SHELTON, ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1946, IN A GARBAGE-LITTERED ALLEY! HE WAS A SMALL-TIME CROOK WITH AN IMAGINATION WHICH WAS TOO BIG FOR HIS MEAN LITTLE MIND! IT WAS THIS IMAGINATION WHICH BETRAYED HIM AND CAUSED HIM TO DIE LIKE THE CHEAP CROOK HE WAS!

THE END

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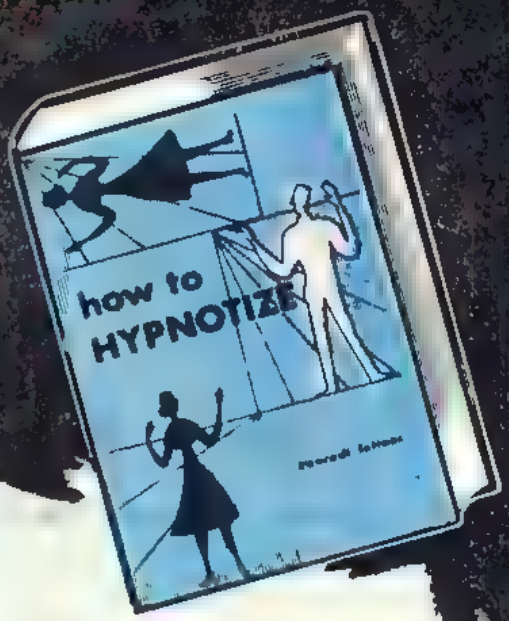

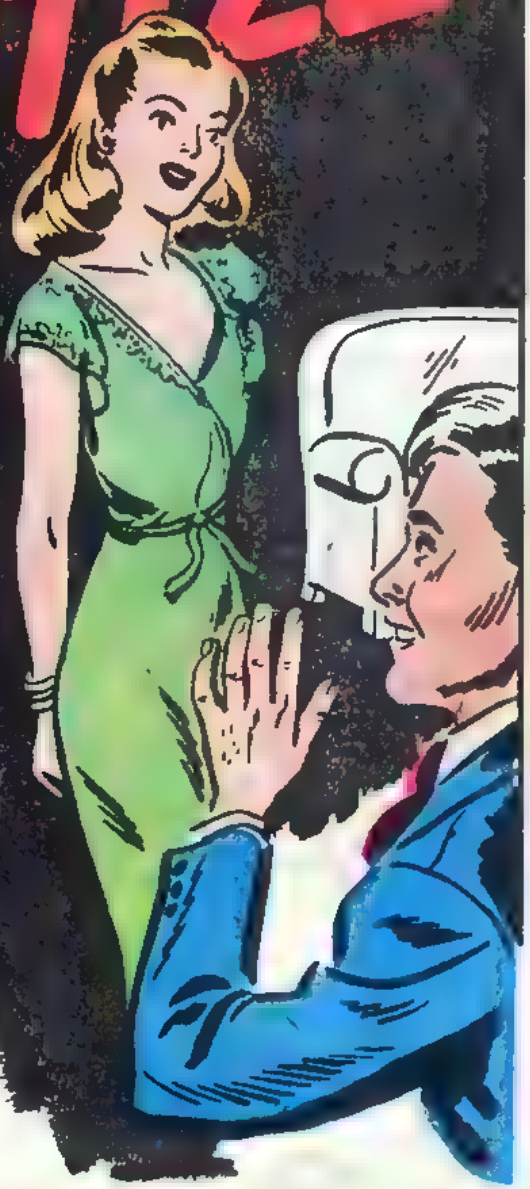

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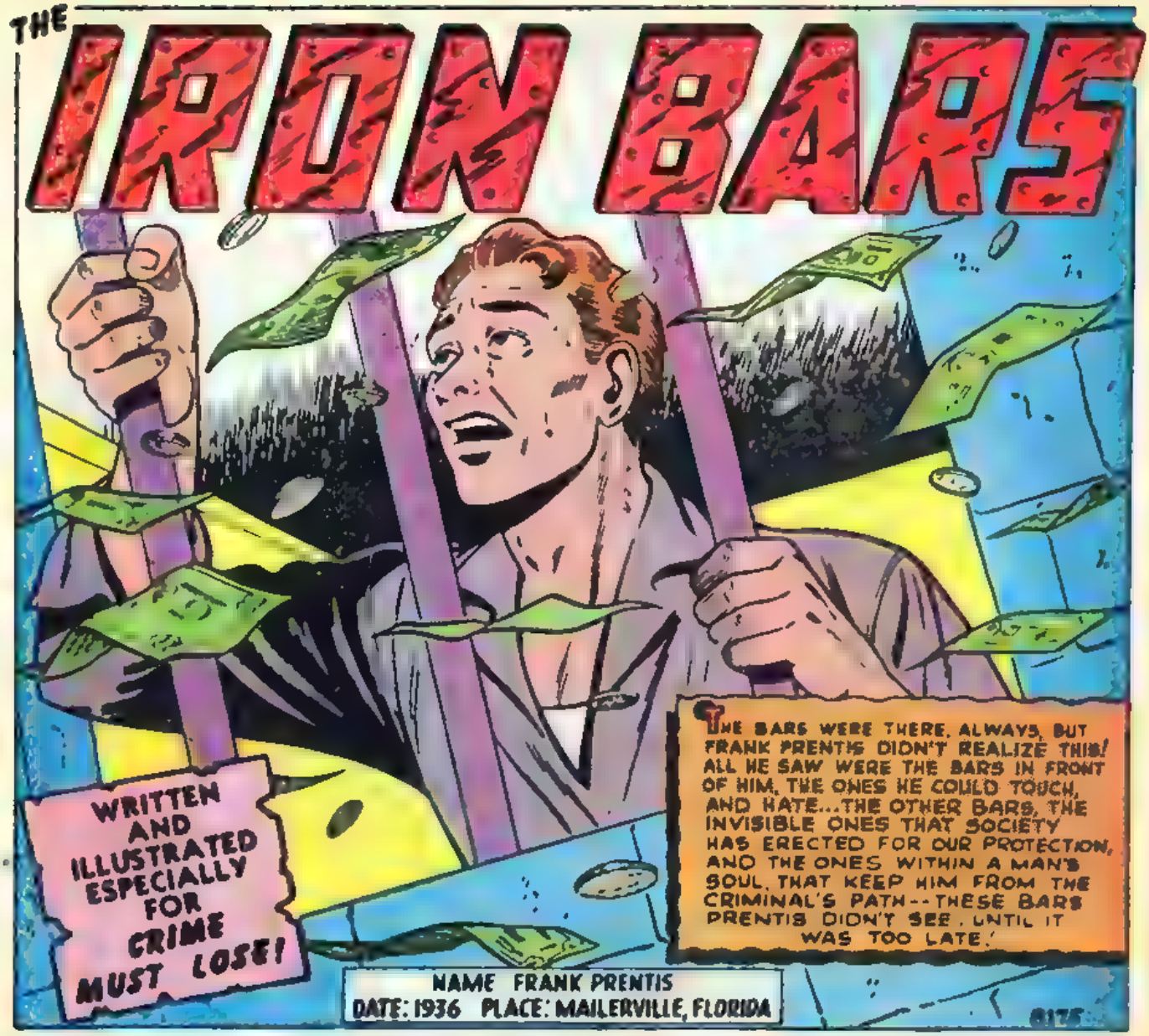
WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED ESPECIALLY FOR CRIME MUST LOSE!
THE BARS WERE THERE, ALWAYS, BUT FRANK PRENTIS DIDN'T REALIZE THIS! ALL HE SAW WERE THE BARS IN FRONT OF HIM, THE ONES HE COULD TOUCH, AND HATE...THE OTHER BARS, THE INVISIBLE ONES THAT SOCIETY HAS ERECTED FOR OUR PROTECTION, AND THE ONES WITHIN A MAN'S SOUL, THAT KEEP HIM FROM THE CRIMINAL'S PATH--THESE BARS PRENTIS DIDN'T SEE, UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE!
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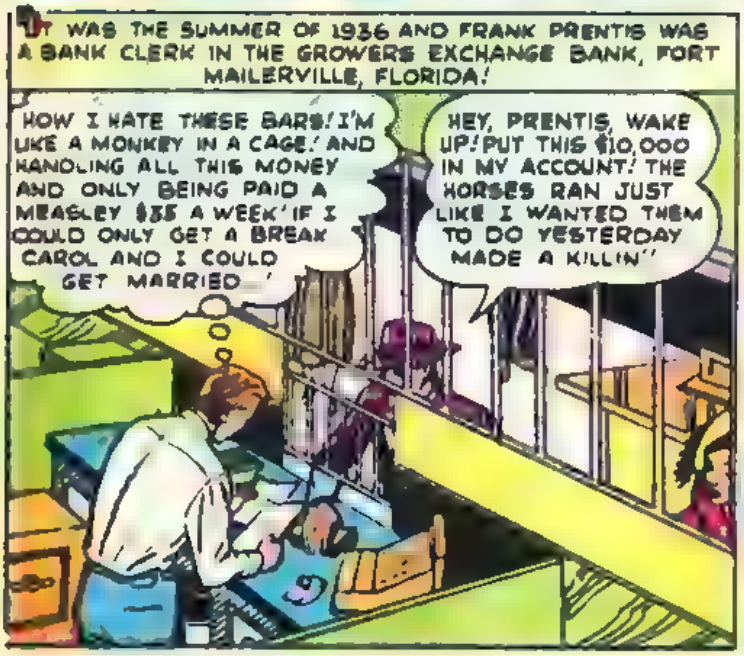
IT WAS THE SUMMER OF 1936 AND FRANK PRENTIS WAS A BANK CLERK IN THE GROWERS EXCHANGE BANK, FORT MAILERVILLE, FLORIDA!
HOW I HATE THESE BARS! I'M LIKE A MONKEY IN A CAGE! AND HANDLING ALL THIS MONEY AND ONLY BEING PAID A MEAGLEY $35 A WEEK! IF I COULD ONLY GET A BREAK CAROL AND I COULD GET MARRIED!
HEY, PRENTIS, WAKE UP! PUT THIS $10,000 IN MY ACCOUNT! THE HORSES RAN JUST LIKE I WANTED THEM TO DO YESTERDAY MADE A KILLIN'!

ANY TIME YOU WANT TO PLACE A LITTLE BET, LET ME KNOW! I'VE GOT MY EYE ON SOME GOOD ONES RUNNIN' THIS WEEK!
THANKS MR. HANEY, BUT THE BANK DIRECTORS DON'T LIKE THEIR CLERKS TO GAMBLE!

AT THREE O'CLOCK THE BANK CLOSED AND PRENTIS WAS ALONE IN HIS IRON BIRD CAGE, CHECKING OVER HIS ACCOUNTS!
HANEY MAKES A LOT OF MONEY GAMBLING ON THE HORSES...HE MUST KNOW WHAT HE'S DOING! IF HE GAVE ME A WINNER, I COULD MAKE A KILLING..GET OUT OF THIS RUT I'M IN! I'LL SURELY NEVER GET RICH ON WHAT THE BANK PAYS ME!
THEY WON'T MISS $500 FOR ONE DAY! I'LL FIX THE BOOKS SO IT WON'T SHOW, AND THEN WHEN I WIN, I'LL PUT IT BACK! NOBODY WILL BE THE WISER!
THE NEXT DAY...
MR. HANEY, YOU SAID YOU'D GIVE ME A HORSE WHO'D WIN AND PLACE A BET FOR ME! HERE'S $500... WHAT'S THE HORSES NAME?
NOW YOU'RE GETTING SMART, PRENTIS! I'LL PUT THIS ON THE NOSE OF BULL BABY, IN THE FIFTH! HE'S FIT AN' MY INSIDE DOPE TELLS ME HE FIGURES TO WIN! THE ODDS WILL BE BETTER THAN 10 TO 1... YOU'LL MAKE A KILLING!
NEVER DID THE BARS ON HIS CASHIER'S CAGE SEEM TO HOLD HIM TRAPPED AS MUCH AS THEY DID THAT AFTERNOON! IF HE COULD ONLY FIND OUT ABOUT THAT RACE...
WELL, THERE GOES ANOTHER DAY OF CHECKS AND MONEY AND...HEY, FRANK, WHERE YOU GOING IN SUCH A HURRY? AREN'T YOU GOING TO CHECK DEPOSITS? YOU KNOW THE BANK EXAMINER'S DUE SOON!
I...I DON'T FEEL WELL, DOUG! I'LL CHECK THEM IN THE MORNING!
HE HURRIED TO THE ADDRESS LISTED ON JOE HANEY'S ACCOUNT!
TELL MR. HANEY IT'S FRANK PRENTIS... FROM THE BANK!
OKAY! WAIT A MINUTE!
PRENTIS, I'M SORRY! I THOUGHT THAT HORSE WOULD SKATE IN, BUT HE LOST BY A NOSE! WELL, BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME!
LOST! BUT...BUT, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! THAT MONEY... WHAT WILL I DO NOW?
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO...BET AGAIN, MAKE IT UP! THERE'S A HORSE RUNNING IN THE THIRD TOMORROW, BOUNCING BALL, WHO FIGURES TO WIN IN A WALK... AND THE ODDS ARE RIGHT!
BUT I HAVEN'T ANYMORE MONEY.. CAN'T GET ANYMORE RIGHT NOW!

HE WAS DESPERATE, HIS MIND IN A WHIRL! THE BANK EXAMINER WAS DUE...WOULD FIND THE SHORTAGE IN HIS ACCOUNT...AND AT HIS ELBOW WAS THE INSINUATING VOICE OF THE BOOKIE, POINTING A WAY OUT!
YOUR CREDIT IS GOOD WITH ME, PRENTIS! YOU WON'T RUN AWAY! IF YOU WANT TO MAKE ANOTHER $500 BET, I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT COLLECTING! WHAT DO YOU SAY? IT'S YOUR CHANCE TO GET EVEN!
ALL RIGHT! $500 ON THAT HORSE YOU SAID! IT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN GET OUT OF THIS MESS!
THERE WAS A NIGHT AND A DAY OF MENTAL AGONY... THEN WONDERING..WONDERING, HOPING AND PRAYING THAT THE HORSE HAD WON...AND THE IRON BARS IN FRONT OF HIM KEEPING HIM FROM FINDING OUT!
I BET ON BOUNCING BALL IN THE THIRD! WHAT A SHELLACKING!
YOU SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER! THAT GOAT COULDN'T WIN IF HE WAS THE ONLY HORSE IN THE RACE!
HE LOST! WHAT CAN I DO?
DOUG, LISTEN, I NEED $1000 IN A HURRY! COULD YOU LEND IT TO ME?
ARE YOU NUTS? WHERE WOULD I GET $1000...AND YOU BETTER NOT ASK THE BOSS! HE WON'T EVEN LET AN EMPLOYEE TAKE OUT A LOAN! NOW LET ME ALONE, WILL YOU... THE BANK EXAMINER'S DUE TOMORROW AND I'VE GOT TO GET MY ACCOUNTS SHIPSHAPE!
I'LL SEE HANEY... EXPLAIN IT ALL TO HIM! MAYBE HE'LL HELP ME!
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LATER..
SO YOU SEE WHAT A FIX I'M IN! COULD YOU HELP ME, MR. HANEY? I'LL PAY YOU BACK! I SWEAR I WILL! JUST GIVE ME A CHANCE!
GIVE YOU A CHANCE? WHY, YOU CROOK, WHAT DO YOU THINK I'M RUNNIN' HERE... A CHARITY JOINT? GET THE MONEY WHERE YOU GOT THE OTHER...BUT MAKE SURE YOU DON'T TOUCH THE DOUGH I'VE GOT DEPOSITED IN THAT BANK!
I CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE...THE BANK EXAMINERS ARE COMING TOMORROW...THEY'LL FIND THE SHORTAGE OF MONEY I'VE ALREADY TAKEN! I...I DON'T KNOW WHERE I CAN GET THE OTHER MONEY I OWE YOU!
YOU'LL GET IT...AND BY TOMORROW, OR I'LL GO TO YOUR BOSS AND TELL HIM WHAT YOU TOLD ME, THEN IT'LL BE THE BIG HOUSE FOR YOU, BUSTER! NOW GET OUT AND BRING ME THAT DOUGH BY TOMORROW!
HE SAW THE MONEY ON THE TABLE, AND HIS HATE FOR THIS MAN, AND FOR THE BANK AND THE BARS...IT ALL CAME CROWDING IN ON HIM WITH ONE DESPERATE SURGE! HE PICKED UP THE HEAVY PAPER WEIGHT ON THE TABLE, AND..
ARRGGHH!
PRENTIS
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I'LL JUST TAKE ENOUGH TO MAKE UP WHAT I'M SHORT ON THE BOOKS! THEY'LL LET ME BACK INTO THE BANK.. THE FELLOWS WILL STILL BE WORKING ON THEIR BOOKS!
HE...HE'S DEAD! I NEVER MEANT TO KILL HIM! I...I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS DOING...FOR A MINUTE I GUESS I WENT CRAZY! I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE SOMEBODY SEES ME! GOT TO PUT THIS MONEY BACK!
PRENTIS HURRIED BACK TO THE BANK! HE MUST GET THE $500 IN HIS TILL AND CORRECT HIS BOOKS.. THE EXAMINER WOULD NO DOUBT BE THERE THE FIRST THING IN THE MORNING!
MY HAT! I MUST HAVE DROPPED IT IN HANEY'S PLACE...AND MY NAME IS ON THE BAND!
SAY, FRANK, I'M GLAD YOU CAME BACK!
I'VE BEEN THINKING! I'VE GOT ABOUT $1000 IN GOVERNMENT BONDS AND IF YOU NEED THE MONEY REAL BAD I'LL CASH THEM IN AND LET YOU HAVE IT!
THANKS... THANKS, DOUG, BUT I DON'T NEED IT NOW!
PRENTIS, THE BANK EXAMINER IS DELAYING HIS VISIT HERE WON'T BE HERE FOR ANOTHER MONTH! OH, YES, THERE'S BEEN A NEW RULE MADE BY THE DIRECTORS! ALL EMPLOYEES ARE ENTITLED TO TAKE LOANS UP TO $1000!
YES, MR. BUCKLEY. I'LL REMEMBER IT, SIR!
WHICH ONE OF YOU MEN IS FRANK PRENTIS?
I AM! I'LL COME QUIETLY OFFICER.. I'M THE MAN YOU WANT AND I'LL TELL EVERYTHING!
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I STOOD in the crowd watching the roaring inferno which a few hours before had been a warehouse packed from cellars to ceiling with furniture and household goods. Firemen were gradually getting the flames under control, and in a short time, only a mass of smoldering ruins would remain instead of the ten story building.

Attracted by the excitement which always surrounds a big fire, and the fact that I was Billy West, Daily Record police reporter, I decided to take a look. The flames were dying down, and smoke in thick black clouds was pouring from gutted roof and broken windows. Checking with the police I found that the only casualty was the night watchman, who had come on duty half hour before the fire broke out. I made my way to the corner diner, to use the public phone.

Entering the diner, I found it empty of customers, with a single exception. Sitting at the counter was Gus Morelli, a small time racketeer. He was a swarthy, heavy set man, with a scar running horizontally across his forehead. His hat was pulled well down over his eyes in an effort to hide this identification. I made my call to the city desk, hung up, and sat down at the counter for a cup of coffee. Morelli turned to me.

"Couldn't help hearin' you on the 'phone. Bud. You a newspaper reporter?"

I had been asked that question hundreds of times. I turned to him . . . putting my coffee cup down slowly.

"Uh huh. Anything wrong with that?"

"Naw, but stick around! I'm givin' 'em ten minutes to come across. If not I'll give you a story that'll blow this town wide open. The story behind that warehouse fire!"

As he talked Morelli continually turned and looked through the glass door into the street, each time looking at his wristwatch. Suddenly, as though he had finally made up his mind, he turned to me, and said . . .

"Okay, got your pad and pencil ready? No one's gonna double-cross Morelli and get away with it! My name's Gus Morelli. . . . You heard of me, huh?"

Just then a shot rang out. As I ducked there was the sound of broken glass, and a moan from Morelli. When I looked up again, Gus was slipping from his counter stool to the floor, blood oozing from a hole in his right shoulder . . . he was shot in the back. I made him as comfortable as I could, at the same time telling the counterman to call an ambulance and notify the police.

Morelli's voice showed the effects of shock, and I had to bend quite close to hear him. He started to cough, and I gave him a drink. He asked for a cigarette, and after a few puffs started talking again . . .

"Ever hear of 'Buck' Nesbitt and his outfit? They come from the East. They pulled this job, just like they did the other two. So far they got away with it. Here's how they work. After they check a town, they send in an advance man. He contacts a local man . . . that's me. First thing after they buy the warehouse they take out as much more insurance as they can get . . . more dough, see? Then for a coupla months they act like a legitimate business concern. But all the time they're moving the stuff out of the warehouse to another building, the other side of town. With their own trucks, no one asks questions, see? When they have almost cleaned out the warehouse . . . *boom!* . . . comes the fire! The insurance company pays off in a coupla weeks, they sell the stuff they got stored away . . . then they move on to the next town. Neat trick, eh?"

Again Gus started to cough and I made him rest and stop talking for a few minutes to conserve his strength so that he could finish his story!

"I worked with 'em for more than three months. Fixed everything for 'em in town here, rented the empty loft building for 'em . . . moved the stuff from the warehouse to the other place. I was supposed to get paid off at three o'clock this afternoon, in the diner. Well, they crossed me up and I got sore. No one crosses Morelli, see? So, Bud, when you come in to make the phone call, I know I got the right guy to spill my piece to!"

A sigh eased through his lips, and a smile of satisfaction spread slowly over his face as he slumped over . . . dead!

A police siren wailed outside. As I straightened up, Lieutenant Walling of the Detective

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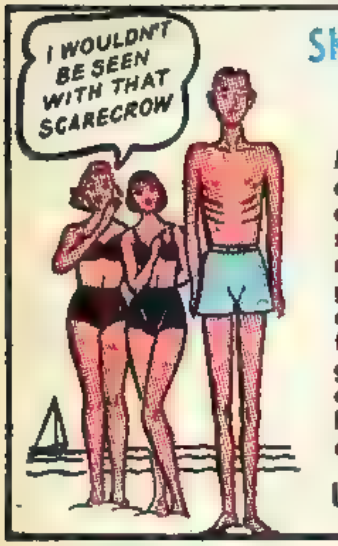

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Division strode in. We were old friends. I pointed to Gus on the floor and Walling bent down to examine him. It didn't take long. He stood up quickly, and turned to me.

"Gus Morelli, eh? What's the dope, Billy?"

I told him what I knew of the killing, and my story was corroborated by the counterman, the only other witness. With his usual, "hold yourself available for questioning by the D. A.," he dismissed us. As I turned to leave I asked him where I could contact him later. He said to call him at his office at Police Headquarters.

I made a bee-line for my car, and in fifteen minutes pulled up in front of the Daily Record Building. Hurrying inside, I went directly to the reference room. One hour later I found what I was after. Some months back a News Agency had carried a story on "Buck" Nesbitt and his outfit in the East. That was at the time of their first job. It checked in every detail with the story Morelli had given me, as he lay on the floor of the diner dying from a bullet wound in the back. Why hadn't they paid him off?

I got Walling on the phone and told him to wait for me. In a short time I was seated opposite him at his desk telling him the story, showing him the news clips. He listened attentively, checking the newspaper files every once in a while, to verify a particular point. When I had finished, he slapped his hand on the desk.

"This will really be a catch, Billy. I'll send out a search on them."

"You don't have to. Nesbitt lives at the Cape Hotel. Morelli told me."

"Then what are we waiting for? Johnson and Robbins, come with us. Let's get going!"

We jumped into a police car, and headed uptown to the Cape Hotel. It was a smart hotel in the residential district, and we pulled up one block away, in order not to attract attention. The night was clear, and the lights shining from row after row of windows, seemed to want to help the stars. Lt. Walling told the manager who we were, and what we were going to do. He and I were going up to Nesbitt's apartment, with Johnson and Robbins going up the back way, to cut off any possible escape from that direction. I pressed the bell of 18B—and when there was no answer, Walling turned the door handle.

The door was unlocked and we walked in. The place was empty and the bedroom showed the results of a hurried departure. As Walling was searching the place, Johnson and Robbins, shoving a man ahead of them, came into the apartment.

"Here he is, Lieutenant. Caught Mr. Nesbitt just about to get into a car in the alley back of the hotel. And wait'll you see what's in that bag!"

The Lieutenant took the bag, laid it on the couch, and opened it. It was full of money. Tens, twenties, fifties, hundreds.

"Wow! there must be a quarter of a million in cash here. Where were you going, Nesbitt? To wait on line to make a deposit? Or were you thinking of taking a trip for your health?"

"I don't have to tell you where I am going, gentlemen. If you have a warrant for my arrest, I'll be glad to go along with you. But first I would like to call my attorney, if I may."

"Go ahead, but make it snappy!" Walling said.

Nesbitt walked towards the telephone. His back was toward us—and he suddenly whipped around—a gun in his hand—and snarled:

"Now all of you . . . get over to the bathroom. One move out of line and I'll blast you down! You may get me, but I'll be sure to get a couple of you first!"

We were all in the small bathroom, and he made me tie the hands of the three detectives behind their backs with towels—and was working on me. As he tied my hands he talked . . .

"Yes, gentlemen, I am going away for my health. I've got enough money in that bag to keep me in luxury for the rest of my life. Before you ask, I might as well tell you. I had Morelli taken care of because, after he found out that the night watchman, his brother-in-law, was killed in the fire, he tried to hold me up for more money, the dirty blackmailer! Corbett, the fellow who rubbed him out, is in the closet over there. And now, gentlemen, good night and goodbye!"

He backed out of the room and we could see him, through the open door, put his hat on and pick up the bag. Then there was a shot, and Nesbitt dropped to the floor. As we rushed to the living room, the closet door was open, and Corbett, himself now dead, was lying in the doorway—smoking gun in hand!

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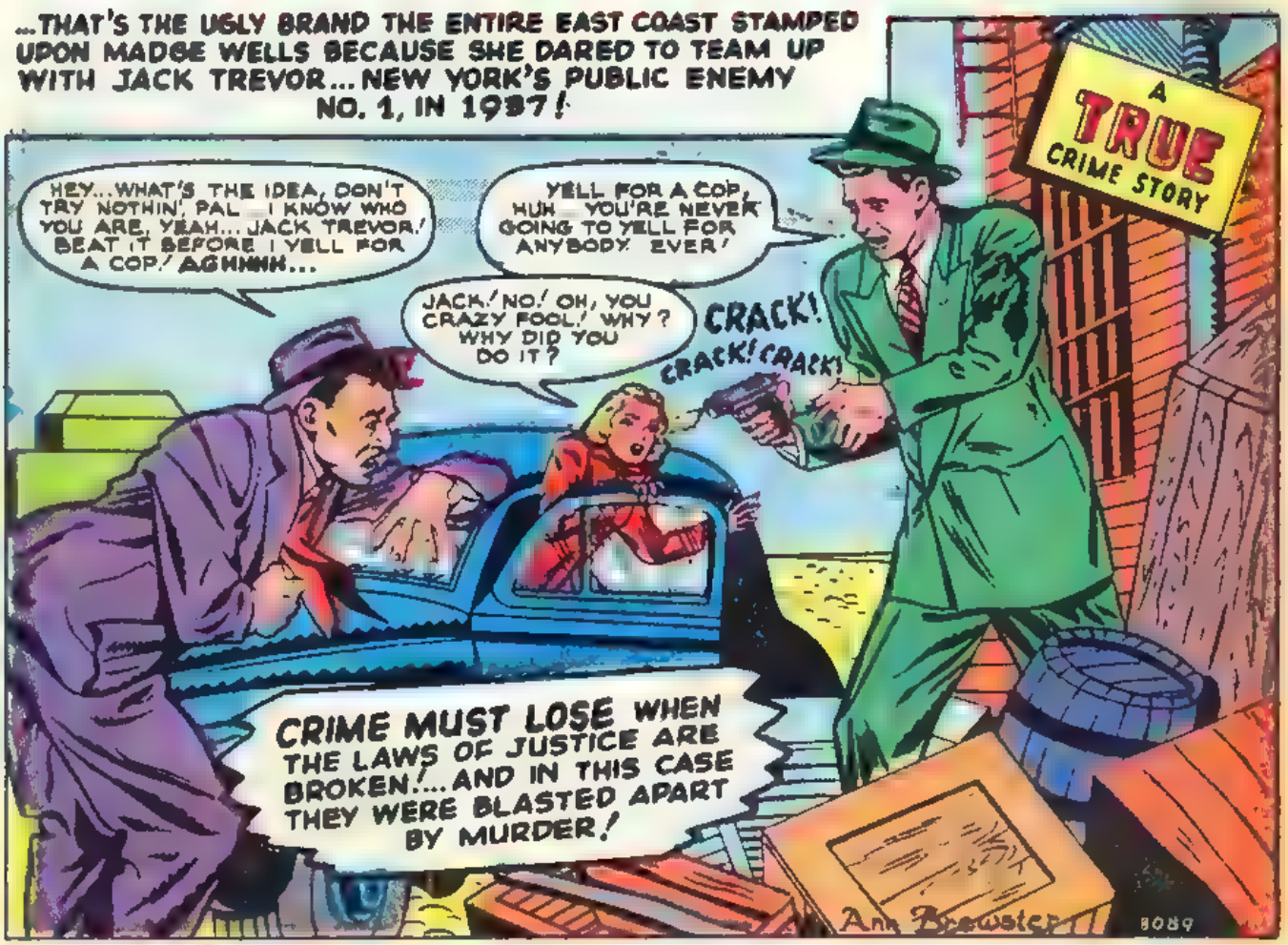
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HEY...WHAT'S THE IDEA, DON'T TRY NOTHIN', PAL — I KNOW WHO YOU ARE, YEAH... JACK TREVOR! BEAT IT BEFORE I YELL FOR A COP! AGHHHH...
YELL FOR A COP, HUH — YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO YELL FOR ANYBODY EVER!
JACK! NO! OH, YOU CRAZY FOOL! WHY? WHY DID YOU DO IT?
CRACK!
CRACK! CRACK!
CRIME MUST LOSE WHEN THE LAWS OF JUSTICE ARE BROKEN!... AND IN THIS CASE THEY WERE BLASTED APART BY MURDER!
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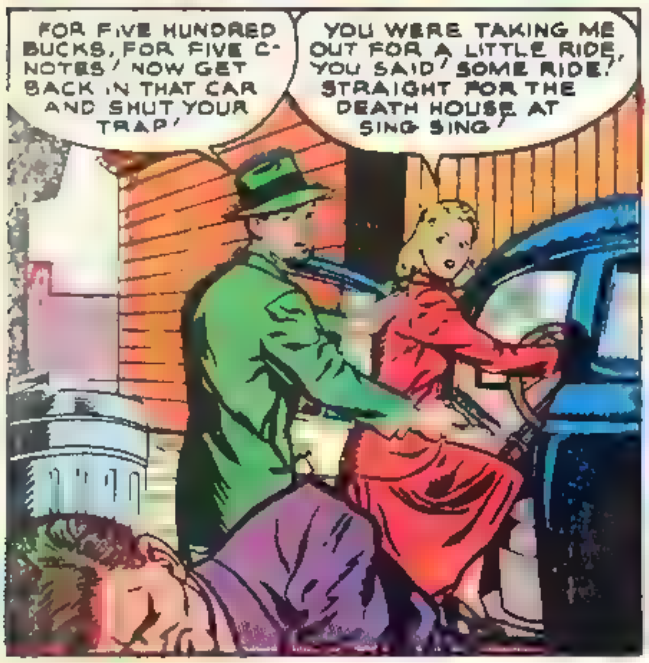
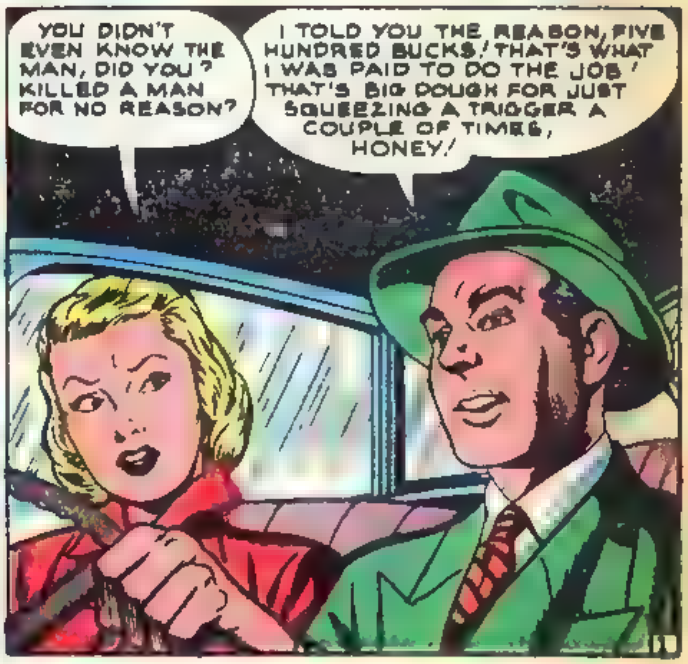
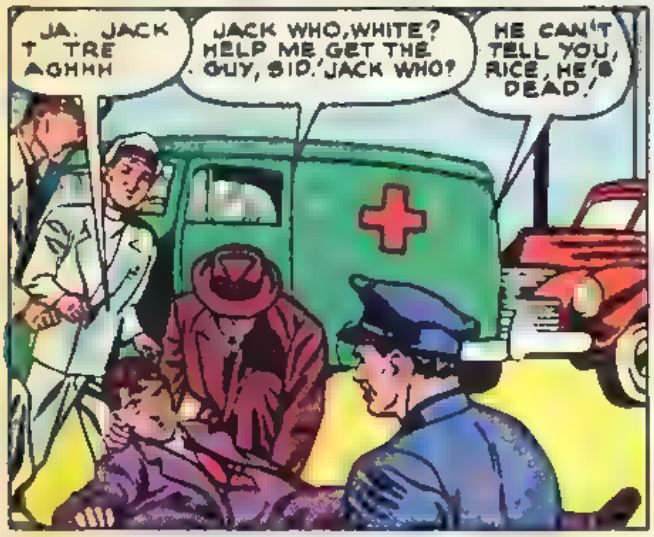

FOR FIVE HUNDRED BUCKS, FOR FIVE C-NOTES! NOW GET BACK IN THAT CAR AND SHUT YOUR TRAP!
YOU WERE TAKING ME OUT FOR A LITTLE RIDE, YOU SAID! SOME RIDE! STRAIGHT FOR THE DEATH HOUSE AT SING SING!

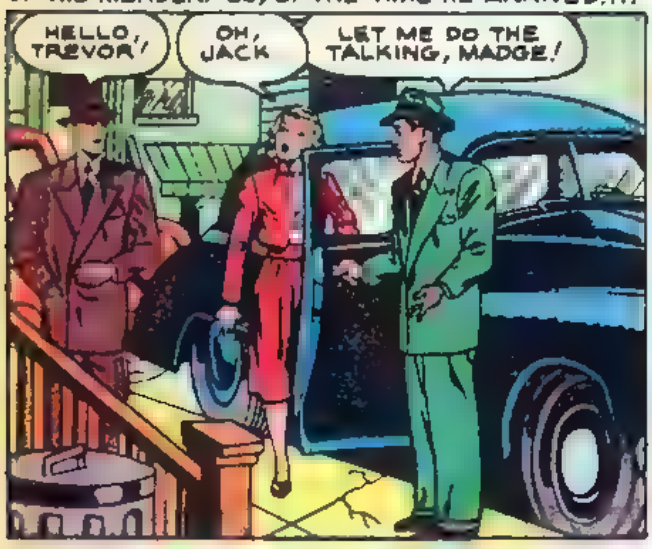

YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THE MAN, DID YOU? KILLED A MAN FOR NO REASON?
I TOLD YOU THE REASON, FIVE HUNDRED BUCKS! THAT'S WHAT I WAS PAID TO DO THE JOB! THAT'S BIG DOUGH FOR JUST SQUEEZING A TRIGGER A COUPLE OF TIMES, HONEY!

SOMEONE, SOMEWHERE HEARD THE SHOTS, AND CALLED THE POLICE! DETECTIVE AL RICE, HOMICIDE, ARRIVED WITH THE AMBULANCE FROM CITY HOSPITAL...



THAT'S A ROTTEN BREAK! ANOTHER FEW SECONDS AND WE'D HAVE GOTTEN THE KILLER'S NAME! NOT THAT SID WHITE WILL BE MISSED! HE'S GIVEN US A LOT OF TROUBLE IN HIS TIME!
JUST THE SAME NO ONE HAD THE RIGHT TO ACT AS EXECUTIONER! I'VE GOT A PRETTY GOOD IDEA WHO HE WAS TRYING TO PUT THE FINGER ON... ANOTHER BOY WE'VE BEEN KEEPING OUR EYES ON... JACK TREVOR! THAT MUG WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR A BUCK.... EXCEPT HONEST WORK! THEN THERE'S LEW RANZI... SID'S OLD BOSS! HE'D PAY PLENTY TO GET RID OF A GUY THAT HAD AS MUCH ON HIM AS SID DID!

JACK TREVOR TOOK A ROUNDABOUT ROUTE HOME! HE CAUTIOUSLY AVOIDED BEING SEEN COMING FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE LOCALE OF HIS MURDER! SO, BY THE TIME HE ARRIVED....



...SID WHITE? HECK, NO. I NEVER HEARD OF THE GUY! SAY, DON'T TRY TO HANG NO MURDER ON ME! I TOLD YOU I WAS PICKING UP MADGIE! WE WERE GOING TO A MOVIE!
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT, A MOVIE! JACK FORGOT HIS WALLET! THAT'S WHY WE CAME HERE FIRST!
FAST THINKING, KIDS, BUT YOU'D BETTER COME DOWN-TOWN WITH ME JUST THE SAME! I WANT YOU TO ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS!
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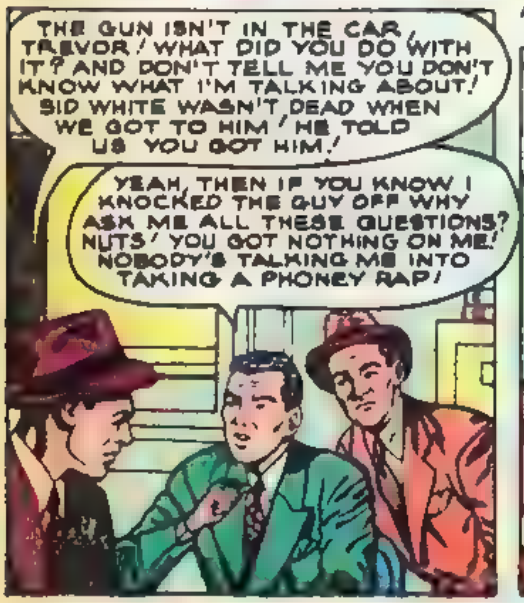
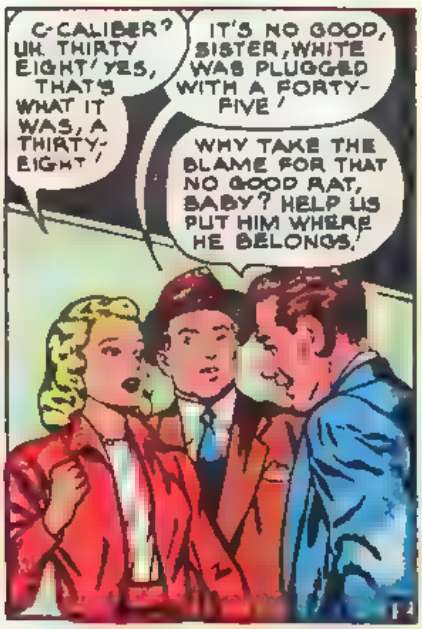
A HALF HOUR LATER...


THE GUN ISN'T IN THE CAR, TREVOR! WHAT DID YOU DO WITH IT? AND DON'T TELL ME YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT! SID WHITE WASN'T DEAD WHEN WE GOT TO HIM! HE TOLD US YOU GOT HIM!
YEAH, THEN IF YOU KNOW I KNOCKED THE GUY OFF WHY ASK ME ALL THESE QUESTIONS? NUTS! YOU GOT NOTHING ON ME! NOBODY'S TALKING ME INTO TAKING A PHONEY RAP!

AT THE SAME MOMENT, IN ANOTHER ROOM AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

YOU MIGHT AS WELL TELL THE TRUTH, YOUNG LADY, OR YOU'LL GET IN TROUBLE! YOUR BOY FRIEND HAS CONFESSED! WE JUST WANT YOUR CORROBORATION!
OH, NO NO. HE DIDN'T DO IT! I DID! I SWEAR IT!
YEAH? WHAT CALIBER WAS THE GUN?


C-CALIBER? UH, THIRTY EIGHT! YES, THAT'S WHAT IT WAS, A THIRTY-EIGHT!
IT'S NO GOOD, SISTER, WHITE WAS PLUGGED WITH A FORTY-FIVE!
WHY TAKE THE BLAME FOR THAT NO GOOD RAT, BABY? HELP US PUT HIM WHERE HE BELONGS!

A SHORT WHILE LATER

WE TRIED BLUFFING THE GIRL AND SHE FELL FOR IT' FIRST WANTED TO TAKE THE BLAME HERSELF, THEN SHE CAUGHT ON AND CLAMMED UP!

SAME WITH TREVOR' JUST THE SAME I'M DARNED SURE HE GUNNED SID WHITE' I THINK WE OUGHT TO KEEP AN EYE ON LEW RANZI' HE AND WHITE WERE PALS UNTIL LEW PULLED A DOUBLE-CROSS' THEN WHITE SWORE HE'D TELL ALL HE KNEW ABOUT THE BOSS' ANYWAY, THAT'S THE WAY THE GRAPEVINE HAS IT'

MEANWHILE

YOU DID GREAT, BABY! IMAGINE THOSE COPS PULLING AN OLD GAG LIKE THAT, TELLING YOU I CONFESSED' WELL, THEY WON'T BOTHER US NO MORE' SAY, WHAT DO YOU SAY TO THAT MOVIE, MADGE HONEY? THERE'S A MIDNIGHT SHOW AT THE CASTLE

I'M TIRED, JACK! JUST TAKE ME HOME!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, SWEETHEART.. YOU AIN'T SORE AT ME?

NO, JACK... I COULDN'T BE' MAYBE THAT'S THE TROUBLE' YOU'RE ROTTEN' YOU'LL GET ME MIXED UP IN ONE OF YOUR SCHEMES, BU' I LOVE YOU, AND YOU LOVE ME' THAT'S ALL THAT SEEMS TO MATTER'

FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS DETECTIVE AL RICE WATCHED EVERY MOVE OF GANG LEADER LEW RANZI' WHETHER OR NOT RANZI KNEW HE WAS BEING TAILED, HE DID NOTHING TO SHOW HE HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH THE MURDER OF SID WHITE' THEN, ONE NIGHT...

WHAT IS THIS, MISTER.. A STICKUP? ...OH! IT'S YOU, PETE

YEAH, PETE WHITE, RANZI! YOU OWE ME SOMETHING FOR KNOCKING OFF MY BROTHER!

L...LISTEN, PETE I DIDN'T GUN SID' I'LL TELL YOU WHO DID JACK TREVOR I SWEAR JACK GUNNED SID!

SURE AND I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT GUNSEL AFTER I FINISH WITH YOU' IF TREVOR GOT SID, HE DID IT 'CAUSE YOU PAID HIM TO DO THE JOB'

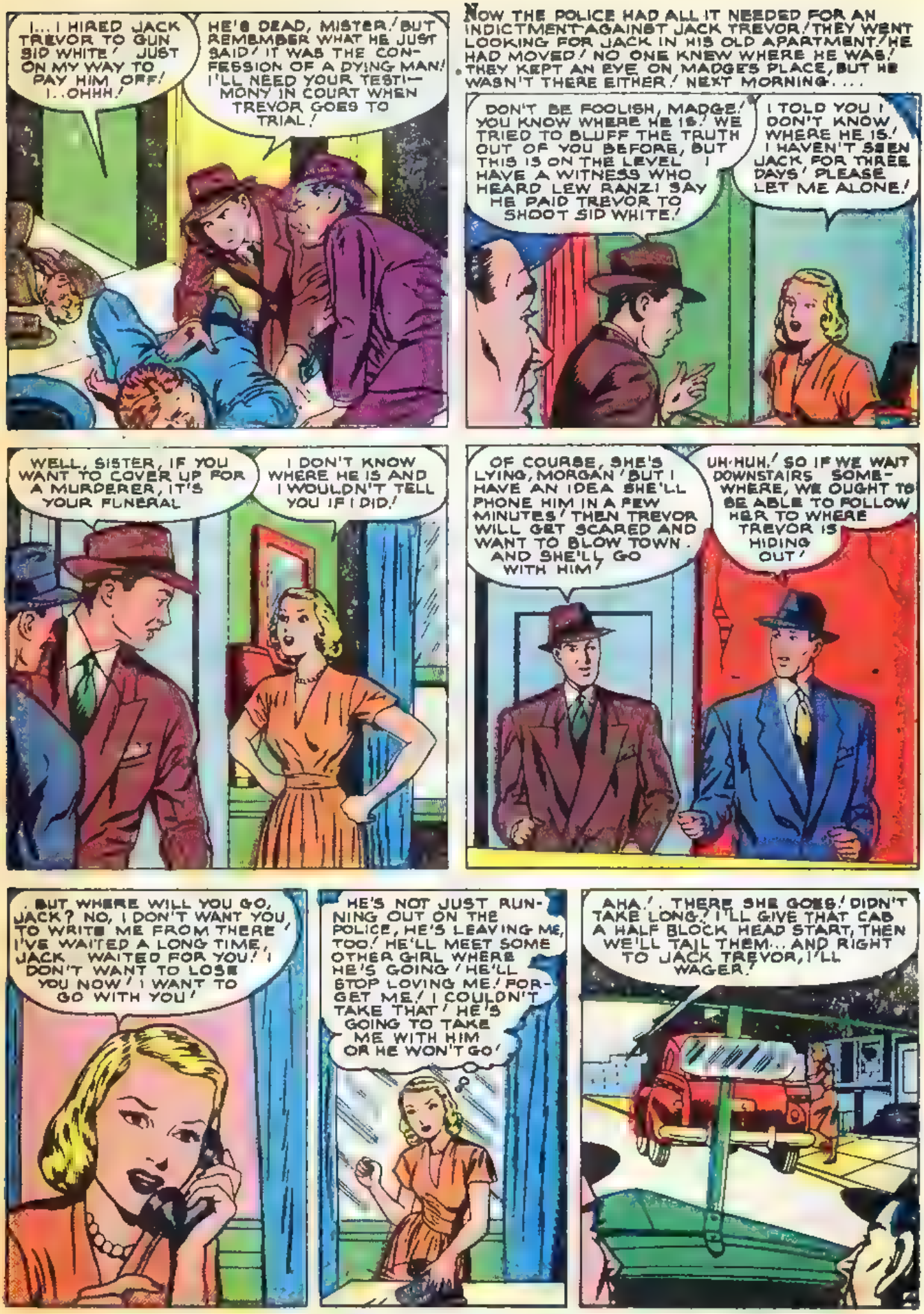
YOU HEARD THAT, MISTER JACK TREVOR SHOT SID WHITE! STICK AROUND... I'LL NEED YOU AS A WITNESS! HOLD IT, WHITE! DROP THAT GUN!

THERE, RANZI THAT'S FOR SID! WHAT TH//A COP?

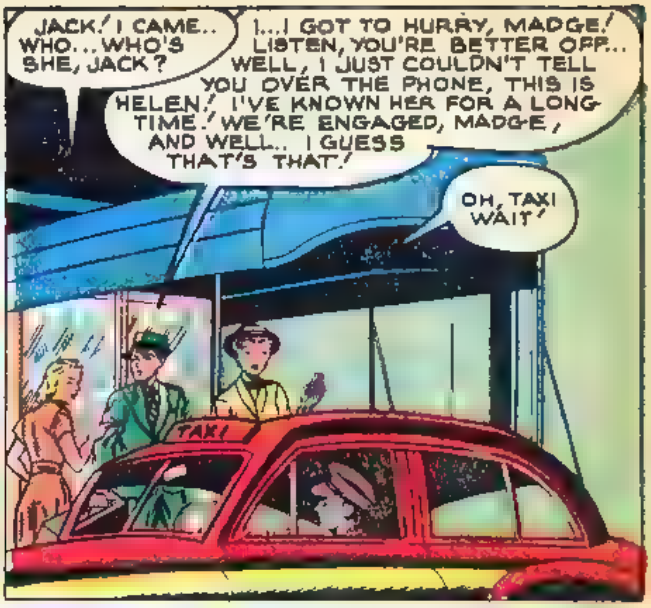
CRACK! CRACK!

HALT! HALT OR I'LL FIRE!

AGGHH...


I... I HIRED JACK TREVOR TO GUN SID WHITE! JUST ON MY WAY TO PAY HIM OFF! I..OHHH!
HE'S DEAD, MISTER! BUT REMEMBER WHAT HE JUST SAID! IT WAS THE CONFESSION OF A DYING MAN! I'LL NEED YOUR TESTIMONY IN COURT WHEN TREVOR GOES TO TRIAL!
NOW THE POLICE HAD ALL IT NEEDED FOR AN INDICTMENT AGAINST JACK TREVOR! THEY WENT LOOKING FOR JACK IN HIS OLD APARTMENT! HE HAD MOVED! NO ONE KNEW WHERE HE WAS! THEY KEPT AN EYE ON MADGE'S PLACE, BUT HE WASN'T THERE EITHER! NEXT MORNING....
DON'T BE FOOLISH, MADGE! YOU KNOW WHERE HE IS! WE TRIED TO BLUFF THE TRUTH OUT OF YOU BEFORE, BUT THIS IS ON THE LEVEL I HAVE A WITNESS WHO HEARD LEW RANZI SAY HE PAID TREVOR TO SHOOT SID WHITE!
I TOLD YOU I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS! I HAVEN'T SEEN JACK FOR THREE DAYS! PLEASE LET ME ALONE!
WELL, SISTER, IF YOU WANT TO COVER UP FOR A MURDERER, IT'S YOUR FUNERAL
I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS AND I WOULDN'T TELL YOU IF I DID!
OF COURSE, SHE'S LYING, MORGAN! BUT I HAVE AN IDEA SHE'LL PHONE HIM IN A FEW MINUTES! THEN TREVOR WILL GET SCARED AND WANT TO BLOW TOWN. AND SHE'LL GO WITH HIM!
UH-HUH! SO IF WE WAIT DOWNSTAIRS SOMEWHERE, WE OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO FOLLOW HER TO WHERE TREVOR IS HIDING OUT!
BUT WHERE WILL YOU GO, JACK? NO, I DON'T WANT YOU TO WRITE ME FROM THERE! I'VE WAITED A LONG TIME, JACK... WAITED FOR YOU! I DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU NOW! I WANT TO GO WITH YOU!
HE'S NOT JUST RUNNING OUT ON THE POLICE, HE'S LEAVING ME, TOO! HE'LL MEET SOME OTHER GIRL WHERE HE'S GOING! HE'LL STOP LOVING ME! FORGET ME! I COULDN'T TAKE THAT! HE'S GOING TO TAKE ME WITH HIM OR HE WON'T GO!
AHA!.. THERE SHE GOES! DIDN'T TAKE LONG! I'LL GIVE THAT CAB A HALF BLOCK HEAD START, THEN WE'LL TAIL THEM... AND RIGHT TO JACK TREVOR, I'LL WAGER!

LADY, MAYBE I'M WRONG, BUT THE SAME CAR'S BEEN HANGIN' ON MY TAIL FOR THE LAST MILE...SINCE YOU GOT IN.' I GOT AN IDEA THEY'RE FOLLOWING YOU!
WHAT? WHY...YES... I KNOW WHO THEY ARE.' CABBIE, I'LL GIVE YOU AN EXTRA FIVE DOLLARS IF YOU CAN LOSE THEM!


JACK.' I CAME.. WHO...WHO'S SHE, JACK?
I...I GOT TO HURRY, MADGE.' LISTEN, YOU'RE BETTER OFF... WELL, I JUST COULDN'T TELL YOU OVER THE PHONE, THIS IS HELEN.' I'VE KNOWN HER FOR A LONG TIME.' WE'RE ENGAGED, MADGE, AND WELL.. I GUESS THAT'S THAT.'
OH, TAXI WAIT'
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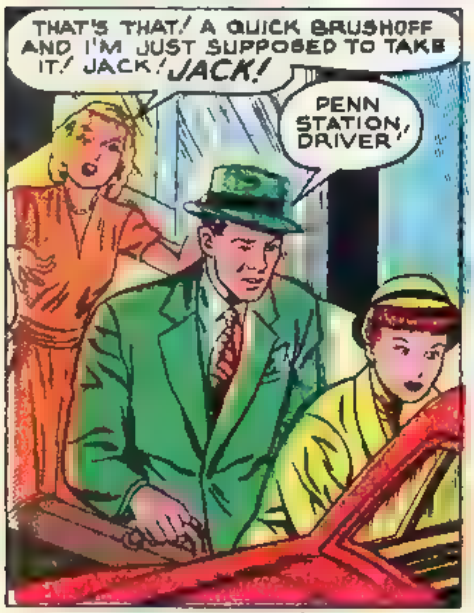
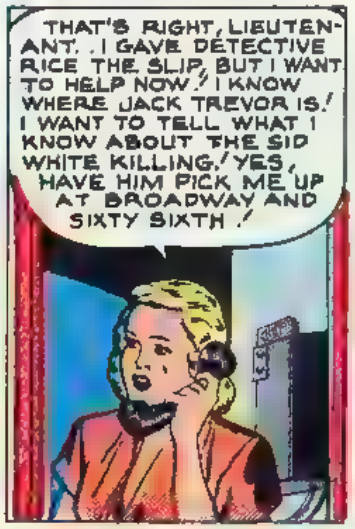
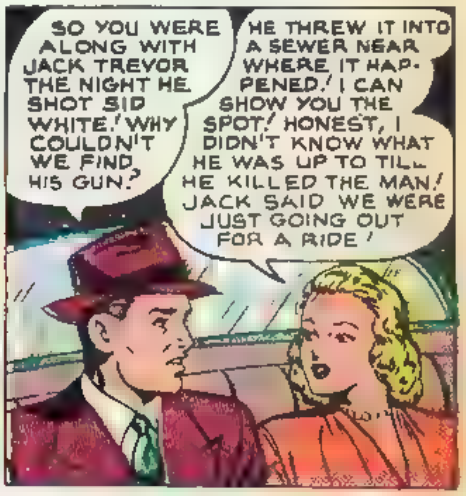


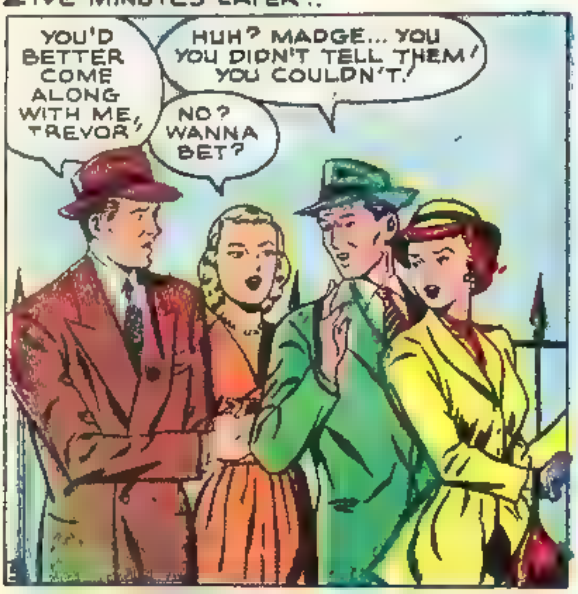
NO FURY LIKE A WOMAN SCORNED.' MADGE HURRIED TO CALL POLICE HEADQUARTERS..


THAT'S RIGHT, LIEUTENANT. . I GAVE DETECTIVE RICE THE SLIP, BUT I WANT TO HELP NOW.' I KNOW WHERE JACK TREVOR IS.' I WANT TO TELL WHAT I KNOW ABOUT THE SID WHITE KILLING.' YES, HAVE HIM PICK ME UP AT BROADWAY AND SIXTY SIXTH.'

AL RICE WAS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.' HEADQUARTERS CONTACTED HIM VIA THE POLICE CAR RADIO AND IN LESS THAN TEN MINUTES, RICE AND MADGE REACHED PENN. STATION


SO YOU WERE ALONG WITH JACK TREVOR THE NIGHT HE SHOT SID WHITE.' WHY COULDN'T WE FIND HIS GUN?
HE THREW IT INTO A SEWER NEAR WHERE IT HAPPENED.' I CAN SHOW YOU THE SPOT.' HONEST, I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HE WAS UP TO TILL HE KILLED THE MAN.' JACK SAID WE WERE JUST GOING OUT FOR A RIDE'

FIVE MINUTES LATER..



JACK TREVOR'S TRIAL, CONVICTION, AND EXECUTION ARE NOW HISTORY.' MADGE WAS GIVEN A TWO YEAR SUSPENDED SENTENCE FOR SHIELDING HIM... FOR SHE TURNED STATES EVIDENCE.' IT WAS A BITTER LESSON FOR MADGE.' BUT ONE BY WHICH SHE BENEFITED.' MADGE WELLS... UNDER ANOTHER NAME. IS NOW A SOCIAL WORKER IN A SMALL TOWN IN THE MIDWEST.'

IT'S NOT THE MISTAKES YOU'VE MADE IN THE PAST THAT MATTER, DEAR . IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF YOURSELF IN THE FUTURE.' TO SHOW YOU HOW MUCH I UNDERSTAND, I'M GOING TO TELL YOU ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO ME SOME YEARS AGO.'
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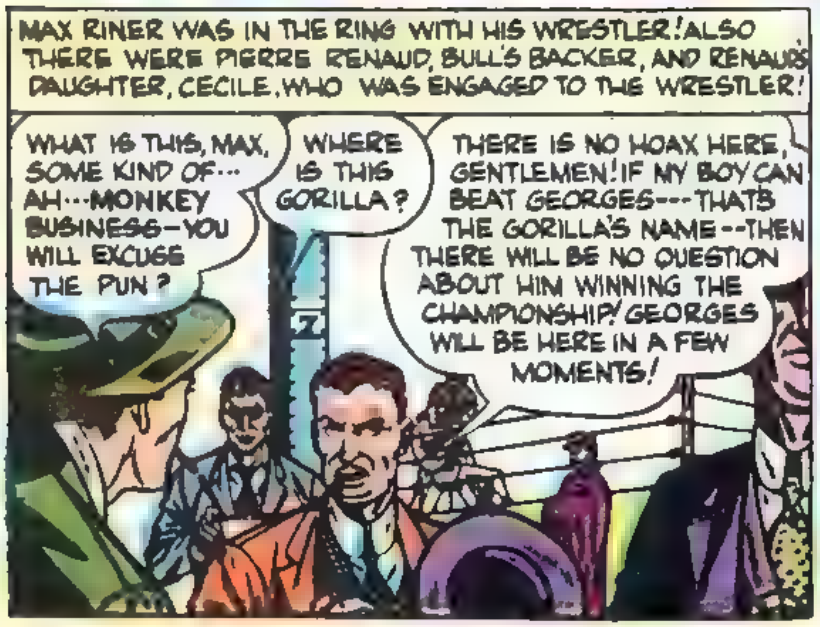
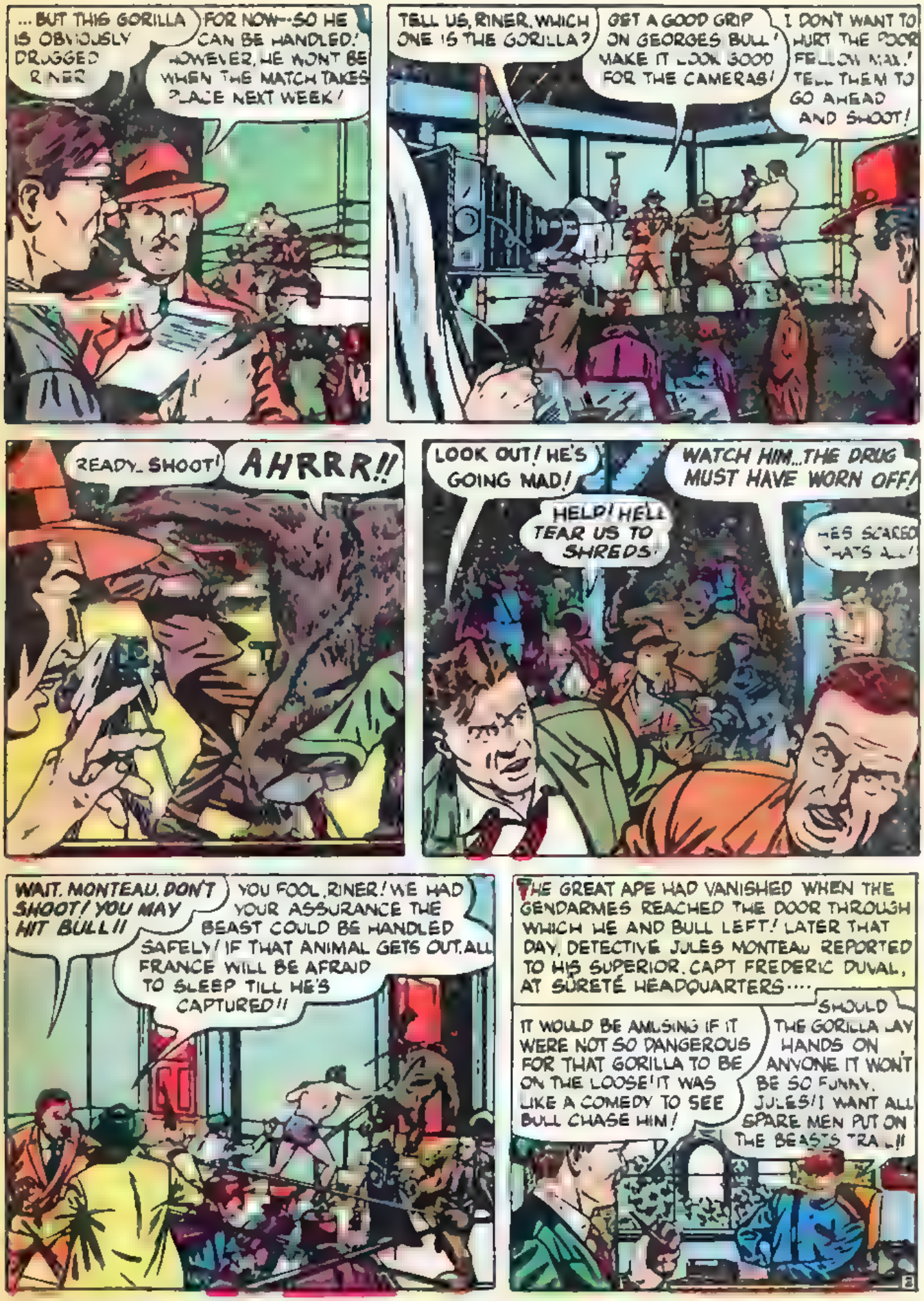
IT WAS THE YEAR 1906, PARIS, FRANCE! THE USUAL CALM OF LOCAL NEWSPAPER OFFICES WAS DISRUPTED BY A PHONE CALL FROM MAX RINER, MANAGER OF BULL CALOT, CONTENDER FOR THE WRESTLING CROWN OF FRANCE! HE ADVISED ALL EDITORS TO HAVE REPORTERS AT THE ARÈNE, PARIS' SPORTS PALACE! BEFORE TAKING ON THE CHAMP, BULL WAS GOING TO HAVE A MATCH WITH A GORILLA! THAT WAS ENOUGH TO BRING REPORTERS RUNNING-
BIEN, ALORS, MAURICE, WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT? ANOTHER PUBLICITY STUNT---OR DO YOU SUPPOSE BULL IS REALLY GOING TO WRESTLE WITH THAT GORILLA?
IT'S HARD TO SAY, JEAN, MAX RINER IS A SHREWD MAN! I THINK HE WILL GO THROUGH WITH THE MATCH--THAT WOULD ATTRACT ATTENTION! AT ANY RATE, MY EDITOR SAYS I AM TO GET THE STORY....
VS. PAUL CHEVRIL
A TRUE CASE PROVING CRIME MUST LOSE!


MAX RINER WAS IN THE RING WITH HIS WRESTLER! ALSO THERE WERE PIERRE RENAUD, BULL'S BACKER, AND RENAUD'S DAUGHTER, CECILE, WHO WAS ENGAGED TO THE WRESTLER!
WHAT IS THIS, MAX, SOME KIND OF··· AH···MONKEY BUSINESS—YOU WILL EXCUSE THE PUN?
WHERE IS THIS GORILLA?
THERE IS NO HOAX HERE, GENTLEMEN! IF MY BOY CAN BEAT GEORGES---THAT'S THE GORILLA'S NAME--THEN THERE WILL BE NO QUESTION ABOUT HIM WINNING THE CHAMPIONSHIP! GEORGES WILL BE HERE IN A FEW MOMENTS!


... BUT THIS GORILLA IS OBVIOUSLY DRUGGED RINER
FOR NOW--SO HE CAN BE HANDLED! HOWEVER, HE WON'T BE WHEN THE MATCH TAKES PLACE NEXT WEEK!
TELL US, RINER, WHICH ONE IS THE GORILLA?
GET A GOOD GRIP ON GEORGES BULL! MAKE IT LOOK GOOD FOR THE CAMERAS!
I DON'T WANT TO HURT THE POOR FELLOW MAN! TELL THEM TO GO AHEAD AND SHOOT!
READY_SHOOT!
AHRRR!!
LOOK OUT! HE'S GOING MAD!
HELP! HE'LL TEAR US TO SHREDS!
WATCH HIM...THE DRUG MUST HAVE WORN OFF!
HE'S SCARED THAT'S ALL!
WAIT, MONTEAU, DON'T SHOOT! YOU MAY HIT BULL!!
YOU FOOL, RINER! WE HAD YOUR ASSURANCE THE BEAST COULD BE HANDLED SAFELY! IF THAT ANIMAL GETS OUT, ALL FRANCE WILL BE AFRAID TO SLEEP TILL HE'S CAPTURED!!
THE GREAT APE HAD VANISHED WHEN THE GENDARMES REACHED THE DOOR THROUGH WHICH WE AND BULL LEFT! LATER THAT DAY, DETECTIVE JULES MONTEAU REPORTED TO HIS SUPERIOR, CAPT FREDERIC DUVAL, AT SURETÉ HEADQUARTERS....
IT WOULD BE AMUSING IF IT WERE NOT SO DANGEROUS FOR THAT GORILLA TO BE ON THE LOOSE! IT WAS LIKE A COMEDY TO SEE BULL CHASE HIM!
SHOULD THE GORILLA LAY HANDS ON ANYONE IT WON'T BE SO FUNNY, JULES! I WANT ALL SPARE MEN PUT ON THE BEAST'S TRAIL!!

HOWEVER A WEEK PASSED BY, AND THOUGH THERE WERE MANY REPORTS BY IMAGINATIVE PEOPLE CLAIMING TO HAVE SEEN THE GORILLA, THE POLICE WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE HIM! MEANWHILE, MAX RINER HAD OTHER THINGS TO THINK ABOUT.....
VINCENT, I WISH TO TALK TO BULL A WHILE... PRIVATELY! WILL YOU LEAVE US FOR ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES?
OUI, MONSIEUR!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN I'M GOING TO LOSE TO PAUL CHEVRIL? EVERYBODY KNOWS I CAN BEAT HIM WITH ONE ARM TIED BEHIND MY BACK! WHY, PAUL IS OLD... HE'S BEEN CHAMP FOR TEN YEARS!
LISTEN CAREFULLY BULL! THIS IS IMPORTANT TO BOTH OF US! OF COURSE YOU CAN WIN THE TITLE FROM CHEVRIL. BUT SOME OTHER TIME! THE ODDS ARE 15 TO 1 FOR YOU TO BEAT HIM! IF I SHOULD BET ON HIM TO WIN WE COULD MAKE A FORTUNE!
WAIT A SECOND, MAX! YOU MEAN YOU WANT ME TO THROW THE MATCH!
WELL, LET'S NOT PUT IT SO CRUDELY! LET'S JUST SAY YOU WON'T TRY SO HARD! IT WILL MAKE US RICH FOR LIFE, BULL! AND DON'T WORRY, WE WON'T BE FOUND OUT! A GAMBLER FRIEND OF MINE IS GOING TO HANDLE EVERYTHING FOR US! I'M PUTTING EVERYTHING I HAVE ON CHEVRIL....
I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU WERE A GOOD FELLOW, MAX--NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D WANT ME TO THROW A MATCH! WELL, I CHANGED MY MIND! I DON'T LIKE YOU ANY MORE! NOW GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE I... I....
B-BUT... BULL... I- I WAS JUST JOKING, DON'T YOU KNOW THAT? SURELY YOU KNOW ME BETTER THAN TO THINK I WOULD TRY TO FIX A MATCH!
WHETHER HE CONVINCED BULL OR NOT THAT HE WASN'T SERIOUS ABOUT THE FIX, MAX RINER KNEW THAT IT WOULD BE USELESS TO TRY AGAIN! HE HURRIED TO THE LEFT BANK FLAT OF ALFRED BALLARD, HIS GAMBLER FRIEND.
WELL, WHAT DO YOU MEAN BULL WON'T COOPERATE? GET THIS STRAIGHT, RINER, I'VE PUT MY WHOLE BANKROLL ON CHEVRIL TO WIN... AND SO DID SOME VERY TOUGH PALS OF MINE! IF YOUR BOY BEATS CHEVRIL, YOU'RE AS GOOD AS DEAD!!
D-DON'T WORRY, ALFRED... CHEVRIL WON'T LOSE. I'LL FIGURE OUT SOMETHING. AFTER ALL, I HAVE MY OWN MONEY ON HIM, TOO!
SO IT WAS THAT MAX RINER HAD A GOOD DEAL TO WORRY ABOUT; HE TRIED TO THINK OF SOME WAY OUT OF HIS DILEMMA WITHOUT HURTING HIS MEAL TICKET, BULL, BUT HE COULD THINK OF NOTHING, UNTIL.....
THAT GORILLA..... I THINK I'M GETTING AN IDEA!! YES THERE'S ONE WAY TO KEEP PAUL CHEVRIL FROM LOSING TO BULL! IF HE DOESN'T FIGHT... IF HE CAN'T FIGHT!!

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MAX RINER PREPARED CAREFULLY FOR THE CARRYING OUT OF HIS BRUTAL SCHEME! HE WENT TO A COSTUME SHOP FOR PART OF HIS WEAPON...A GORILLA OUTFIT, FROM WHICH HE REMOVED THE HAND, AND MOUNTED IT ON A LEAD PIPE! FOR SEVERAL NIGHTS PRIOR TO THE MATCH, HE WATCHED THE ROUTE TAKEN HOME BY WRESTLING CHAMP PAUL CHEVRIL! THEN, THE NIGHT BEFORE THE CONTEST...

AGHHHH!

THERE! NOW WE WILL BE SURE THAT THE MATCH WON'T COME OFF! YOU'LL NEVER WRESTLE AGAIN... AND BULL WILL BE THE CHAMPION OF FRANCE!

THE FOLLOWING MORNING THE NEWSPAPERS OF FRANCE SCREAMED THEIR HEADLINES **PAUL CHEVRIL KILLED-- ESCAPED GORILLA BLAMED!** AT THE SÛRETÉ, A GRAVELY CONCERNED CAPTAIN SPOKE WITH HIS ACE DETECTIVE...

MONTEAU, EVEN IF I HAVE TO ASK HELP FROM THE ARMY, I'M GOING TO GET THAT GORILLA! HEAVEN ONLY KNOWS HOW MANY OTHERS HE WILL KILL BEFORE WE CATCH HIM!

CAPTAIN DUVAL, I DON'T KNOW JUST WHAT IT IS --A HUNCH, PERHAPS, BUT THERE'S MORE TO THIS KILLING THAN MEETS THE EYE! SOMEHOW I DON'T BELIEVE THE GORILLA FITS INTO THIS BUSINESS AT ALL!

INDEED? DIDN'T YOU YOURSELF FIND THE HAIR OF THE GORILLA ON THE CRUSHED SKULL OF POOR CHEVRIL? DIDN'T OUR LABORATORY IDENTIFY THEM AS SUCH? WHAT IS YOUR REASONING, AND WHOM DO YOU SUSPECT?

OH, BUT I SUSPECT NO ONE--YET! BUT DOESN'T IT STRIKE YOU AS STRANGE THAT THIS GORILLA SHOULD FIRST STRIKE THE MAN FROM BEHIND, AND THEN, AFTER HE IS DOWN, STRIKE HIM AGAIN AND AGAIN? NO, MONSIEUR, THAT IS THE WORK OF A FAR MORE BRUTAL ANIMAL... A MAN!

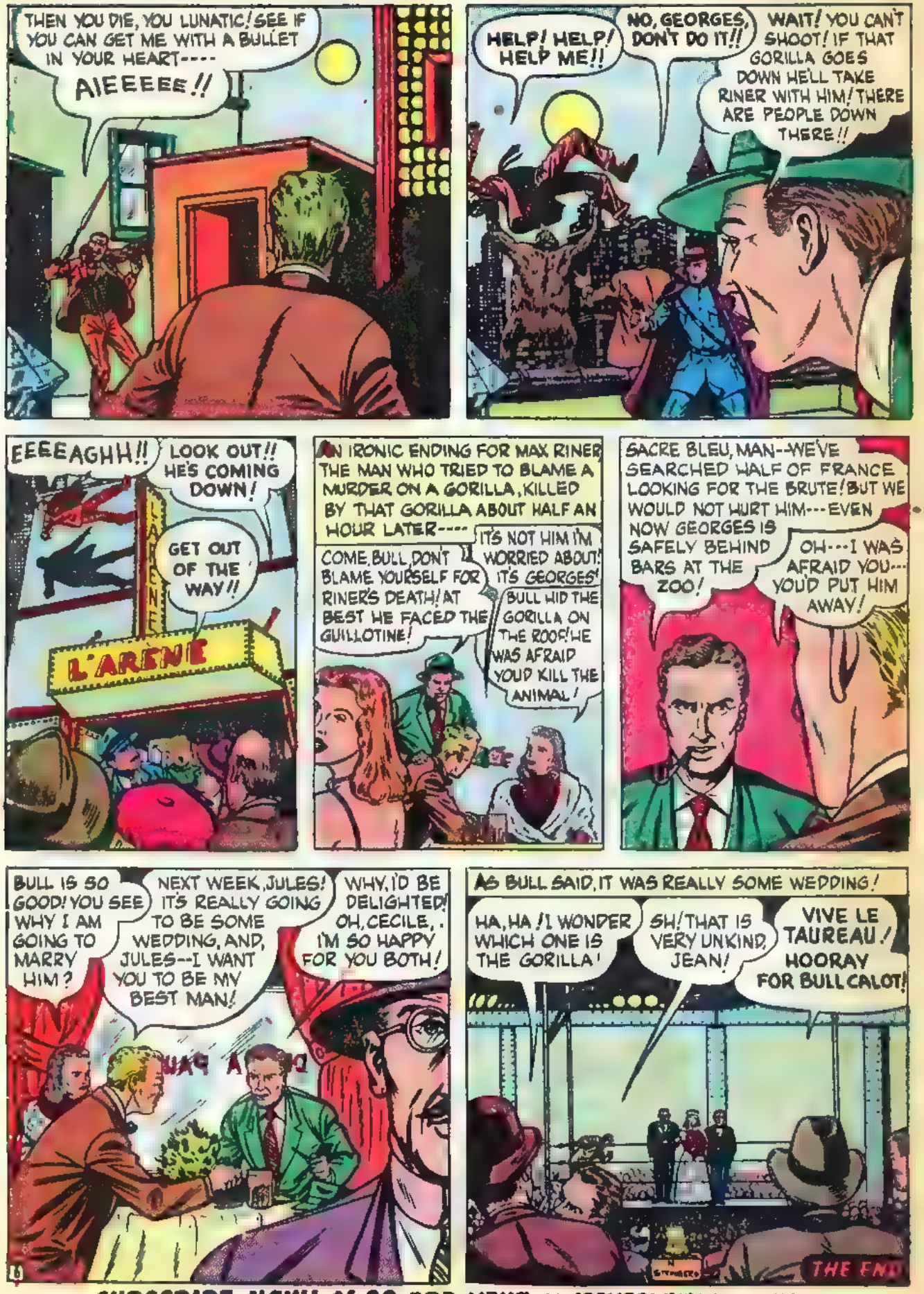
THERE IS SOMETHING TO WHAT YOU SAY, BUT THE PUBLIC WILL NOT BELIEVE IT! THEY WILL SAY IT IS JUST AN EXCUSE FOR OUR NOT HAVING CAUGHT THIS BRUTE OF A MONKEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING NOW, MONTEAU?

OVER TO THE ARENE! MAX RINER IS HAVING A BENEFIT COLLECTION FOR CHEVRIL'S WIDOW! I NEVER CARED TOO MUCH FOR THE MAN BUT THIS IS VERY GENEROUS OF HIM! I HEAR HE IS GIVING 5,000 FRANCS HIMSELF! WELL, ADIEU!

MAX RINER WAS JUST FINISHING A SPEECH EULOGIZING THE LATE WRESTLER, WHEN DETECTIVE JULES MONTEAU ENTERED THE ARENE...

AND NOW THERE IS ANOTHER...AN ADVERSARY OF PAUL CHEVRIL IN THE RING, A DEAR AND NOW DEEPLY BEREAVED FRIEND OF HIS IN EVERY DAY LIFE! BULL CALOT WILL SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE PAUL HE KNEW...

GENTS I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU WHAT A SWELL FELLOW MY FRIEND PAUL IS··· WAS, I MEAN! YOU WOULDN'T BE HERE IF YOU DIDN'T ALREADY KNOW IT! MAIN THING IS, UH··· WELL, I HOPE YOU'LL EMPTY YOUR POCKETS FOR YVONNE-- UH, THAT'S PAUL'S WIFE···· WIDOW! OH, YEAH, I WANT TO SAY SOMETHING ELSE·····
IT'S ABOUT MY MANAGER MAX RINER! I JUST WANT TO SAY I THINK IT'S WONDERFUL HIM DOING THIS! SHOWS HOW STUPID I CAN BE SOMETIMES! WHY A WEEK AGO I GOT MAD AT HIM CAUSE HE WANTED ME TO THROW THE FIGHT WITH PAUL... SAID HE BET A LOT OF MONEY ON THE CHAMP! LIKE A FOOL I TOOK MAX SERIOUS···· I WAS READY TO STRANGLE HIM···· TILL HE TOLD ME IT WAS JUST A JOKE, SO LIKE I WAS····
BULL, YOU THICK SKULLED OX! SHUT UP!
THIS BROKE SOONER THAN I EXPECTED, RINER! SO YOU TRIED TO FIX THE MATCH··· TO GET BULL TO THROW THE FIGHT! IT BEGINS TO ADD UP! BULL REFUSED. BUT YOU HAD ALREADY MADE YOUR BETS ON CHEVRIL! SO THE ONLY WAY OUT FOR YOU WAS TO MURDER THE CHAMP!!
NO! LIES! ALL LIES! YOU CAN'T CATCH THE GORILLA SO YOU'RE TRYING TO HANG CHEVRIL'S DEATH ON ME! THAT MONSTER KILLED CHEVRIL!!
NO··· HE COULDN'T HAVE!
GEORGES DIDN'T KILL ANYBODY, 'CAUSE I KNOW WHERE HE IS AND I KNOW WHERE HES BEEN SINCE THE DAY WE RAN AWAY FROM HERE! YOU, MAX—I SEE IT ALL NOW—YOU MURDERED MY FRIEND PAUL!!
YOU HAVE TO GET ME FIRST--AND IF ANYONE TAKES ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS ME, I'LL PUT A HOLE THROUGH THE HEAD OF MLLE. RENAUD
MAX RINER, YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR THE MURDER OF PAUL CHEVRIL!
I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS, MURDERER!
STAND BACK, ALL YOU'LL GET IS A BULLET THROUGH THAT THICK HIDE!!
CRAK!
LOOK! UP THERE! HE'S HEADED FOR THE ROOF! AFTER HIM, MEN! RINER, YOU'RE TRAPPED! SURRENDER···
I DON'T WANT HIM TO SURRENDER! I WANT HIM TO DIE--I WANT TO KILL HIM FOR WHAT HE DID TO PAUL!
I'M WARNING YOU, BULL··· GET BACK, OR SO HELP ME-- I'LL SHOOT YOU DEAD! BACK!!
SHOOT, MAX--GO AHEAD! I'M NOT SCARED OF NO RAT LIKE YOU! SHOOT, BUT I'LL GET YOU ANYHOW!!


THEN YOU DIE, YOU LUNATIC! SEE IF YOU CAN GET ME WITH A BULLET IN YOUR HEART----
AIEEEEE!!
HELP! HELP! HELP ME!!
NO, GEORGES, DON'T DO IT!!
WAIT! YOU CAN'T SHOOT! IF THAT GORILLA GOES DOWN HE'LL TAKE RINER WITH HIM! THERE ARE PEOPLE DOWN THERE!!
EEEEAGHH!!
LOOK OUT!! HE'S COMING DOWN!
GET OUT OF THE WAY!!
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IT'S NOT HIM I'M WORRIED ABOUT! IT'S GEORGES!
BULL HID THE GORILLA ON THE ROOF! HE WAS AFRAID YOU'D KILL THE ANIMAL!
SACRE BLEU, MAN--WE'VE SEARCHED HALF OF FRANCE LOOKING FOR THE BRUTE! BUT WE WOULD NOT HURT HIM---EVEN NOW GEORGES IS SAFELY BEHIND BARS AT THE ZOO!
OH---I WAS AFRAID YOU--- YOU'D PUT HIM AWAY!
BULL IS SO GOOD! YOU SEE WHY I AM GOING TO MARRY HIM?
NEXT WEEK, JULES! IT'S REALLY GOING TO BE SOME WEDDING, AND, JULES--I WANT YOU TO BE MY BEST MAN!
WHY, I'D BE DELIGHTED! OH, CECILE, . I'M SO HAPPY FOR YOU BOTH!
AS BULL SAID, IT WAS REALLY SOME WEDDING!
HA, HA! I WONDER WHICH ONE IS THE GORILLA!
SH! THAT IS VERY UNKIND, JEAN!
VIVE LE TAUREAU! HOORAY FOR BULL CALOT!
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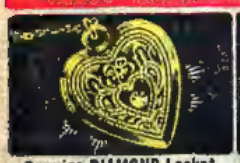

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Footballs, Basketballs (sent postage paid). Mail coupon to start.

Ukuleles, Jewelry, Watches (sent postage paid). Mail coupon to start.

JIM and BETTY FIND A NEW "TREASURE"

I'M TIRED OF PLAYING PIRATES! WE NEVER FIND ANY TREASURE ANYWAY-

ME TOO!

HI, KIDS! LOOKIT TH'SWELL NEW WATCH I EARNED, SELLING WHITE CLOVERINE BRAND SALVE!

-AN' I'M WORKING FOR A BIKE NOW!

SAY, BETTY, THAT BEATS DIGGING FOR PIRATE TREASURE! LET'S SEND IN THOSE COUPONS!

A FEW DAYS LATER. JIM AND BETTY ARE BUSY SELLING WHITE CLOVERINE BRAND SALVE -----

GOLLY! THIS SALVE SURE SELLS FAST! NOW LETS CALL ON MRS. BROWN -

IT'S FUN!

--AND WITH EACH PURCHASE OF WHITE CLOVERINE BRAND SALVE, YOU GET A BEAUTIFUL ART PICTURE!

GEE! SHE BOUGHT 2 BOXES! YOU'LL HAVE YOUR DOLL IN NO TIME, BETTY-

-AND YOU'LL SOON HAVE YOUR FOOTBALL, JIM-

YES, KIDS, IT'S EASY TO EARN THESE PREMIUMS! TO START, JUST MAIL IN THIS COUPON--

BIG CATALOG!

Alarm Clocks, Pen and Pencil Sets, Bibles, Billfolds, Telescopes, Roller Skates, Blankets, Aluminum Ware, Record Players, Movie Machines (sent postage paid). Rush coupon to start!

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Wilson Chem. Co. Dept.148-BY, Tyrone, Pa. Date.....

Gentlemen:- Please send me on trial 13 colorful art pictures with 13 boxes of White CLOVERINE Brand SALVE to sell at 25c a box (with picture.) I will remit amount asked within 30 days, select a Premium or keep Cash Commission as explained under Premium wanted in catalog sent with order, postage paid to start.

Name..... Age.....

St..... RD..... Box.....

Town..... Zone No..... State .....

PRINT LAST NAME HERE

Paste coupon on postal card or mail in envelope today